

The Center for Rural Development

Request for Proposal

For:

Hyper-converged Infrastructure

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The Center for Rural Development

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A. COMPANY BACKGROUND

1. The Center for Rural Development

The Center for Rural Development (hereafter, The Center), established in 1996 as a 501(c)3 community and economic development organization, serves 45 counties throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky largely consisting of distressed rural Appalachian communities.

Originally developed by a group of community leaders including Kentucky 5th District Congressman Harold Rogers, The Center has led the way in developing new and innovative programs to serve the citizens in this region. We are governed by an independent board of directors.

Headquartered in Somerset, KY, The Center's mission is to provide leadership that stimulates innovative and sustainable economic development solutions and a better way of life for citizens in our service region.

The Center's programs and services center around four Focus Areas: Public Safety, Arts & Culture, Leadership, and Technology. While The Center's programs largely serve residents in our primary service area, we are also committed to constantly expanding our capabilities in order to deliver a range of key services throughout Kentucky and the nation.

B. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

1. Each vendor shall submit only one (1) proposal. Alternate proposals shall not be accepted. If a proposal is not submitted as specified, it may be rejected as noncompliant. The vendor is encouraged to provide any other information that will be beneficial in reviewing product and service capabilities.
2. Regardless of cause, late proposals, in whole or in part, will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration. It shall be the Vendor's sole risk to ensure delivery at the designated office by the designated time. Late proposals will not be opened and may be returned to the Vendor at the expense of the Vendor, or destroyed if so requested.
3. The Center for Rural Development reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all submitted proposals.
4. This Request for Proposal is not a contract, not meant to serve as a contract, and does not constitute a promise to enter into a contract.
5. All documents, proposals and other materials submitted in response to this RFP will become the property of The Center for Rural Development and will not be returned to Vendor.
6. Vendor agrees to comply with all terms, conditions and requirements described in the RFP. Any failure by any responding Vendor to so comply shall be grounds for rejection of that Vendor's proposal, as determined by The Center for Rural Development in its sole discretion.
7. The proposals shall include one (1) marked original and one (1) digital copy.
8. All proposals must include a signed affidavit.
9. Proposal must include: Name, Federal Identification Number (FEIN), address, and telephone number. Provide an e-mail address and website address, if available.
10. Proposals must be received by 4:30 p.m. (EST), Friday, September 9th, 2016.
11. Disclose any information about you and your firm that presently or with the passage of time could materially impair your ability to provide the level of service required.
12. Disclose any known or perceived conflict of interest posed by the performance of the services or hardware required.

13. Vendor must provide a statement of proof that they are a registered partner and authorized reseller of the proposed hardware.
14. All Proposals must be properly signed by an authorized representative of the company with the legal capacity to bind the company to the contractual agreement.
15. Proposals may be withdrawn up to the date and time set for closing upon written, faxed or emailed notice to The Center for Rural Development. Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of opening.
16. Proposals that are received late will be returned to the vendor unopened.

Only proposals properly received will be accepted. Each proposal and applicable documentation must be submitted in a sealed envelope.

C. SCOPE OF ENGAGEMENT

The Center for Rural Development is seeking to purchase a total of (3) Host Servers, (3) Hyper-converged Environments and (3) Virtualization Platforms to be configured and delivered as indicated below.

Qty.	Item Description
3	Server with the following minimum specifications. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dual Intel Xeon 2.2Ghz multi-core hyper-threaded processors- 128GB of RAM- (2) 400GB SSD- (8) 1TB 7.2K HDD- 10Gb capable Ethernet ports- Dual power supplies- Rack mountable
3	Hyper-converged architecture with the following minimum specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Distributable storage across all host servers- Storage deduplication capabilities- Storage compression- Management interface
3	VMware with the following minimum specifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Standard license- 6 sockets- Version 6.0

All items must include 5 years of support and maintenance.

All hardware must be new and not refurbished.

D. SELECTION CRITERIA

All proposals will be evaluated on the bidder's ability to best meet the overall expectations of The Center for Rural Development.

The Center intends to review the proposals within thirty (30) days of the opening of the submitted quote. The Center reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

The Center shall be the sole and exclusive judge of quality and compliance with proposal specifications in any of the matters pertaining to this RFP.

The Center reserves the right to award the contract in any manner it deems to be in the best interest of The Center. All evaluations and award of contracts are without regard to the race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, age, or disability of the respondents.

The Center for Rural Development reserves the right to reject in whole or in part any or all proposals. The Center reserves the right to cancel or modify this solicitation at any time. Interested parties are advised to monitor the website for any updated information released after initial distribution of this RFP.

E. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

1. Please provide 1 original and 1 electronic copy of your proposal by 4:30 PM Eastern Time on September 9th, 2016 to:

Hyper-converged Infrastructure RFP
Attn. Shannon Carter
The Center for Rural Development
2292 South Hwy 27
Somerset, KY 42501

Email: shannon.carter@centertech.com
Phone: 606-677-6040

2. Proposals submitted after 4:30 PM Eastern on September 9th, 2016 will not be considered.
3. All questions should go to Shannon Carter, Systems Architect in writing and can be e-mailed to shannon.carter@centertech.com or faxed to (606) 677-6134. All questions will be answered in writing and shared with all interested parties. The cut-off date and time for questions is September 2nd, 2016 at 4:30 PM. It is the responsibility of the prospective bidders to contact shannon.carter@centertech.com at (606) 677-6040 to verify receipt of questions.
4. This Request for Proposal is issued on August 7th, 2016. The Center for Rural Development reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to amend or cancel this RFP.

G. AFFIDAVIT

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As a duly authorized representative for the bidder, I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of all statements made in this document and acknowledge that The Center is reasonably relying upon these statements, in making a decision for contract award and any failure to accurately disclose such information may result in contract termination, repayment of funds and other available remedies under law.

SIGNED: _____ TITLE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____

FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

DATE: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____