

INVITATION FOR BIDS

#0401-2021

IT SWITCH EQUIPMENT BID



**CITY OF CONROE
P.O. BOX 3066
CONROE, TEXAS 77305**

RESPONSES DUE APRIL 1, 2021 @ 2:00 pm

CITY OF CONROE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Conroe will receive sealed bids in duplicate for IT Switch Equipment. The proposals shall be appropriately marked “**0401-2021 IT Switch Equipment Bid**” and delivered to the City Secretary 300 West Davis, 3rd Floor, Conroe Texas 77301. Bids will be publicly opened and read on **Thursday, April 1, 2021**, at **2:00 p.m.** in the 1st Floor Council Chambers at City Hall (300 West Davis).

Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from Vendor Registry.

No proposal may in any way qualify, modify, substitute or change any part of the specifications contained herein.

The City of Conroe reserves the right to reject any and all offers, award parts of bids, award to multiple vendors and to waive informalities in submission of bids. The City of Conroe also reserves the right to award this proposal to the lowest most qualified responsible bidder meeting all the specifications or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City.

CC: 3/9/21 & 3/16/21

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1. Preparation of Bids:

Unless otherwise directed in the Notice to Bidders, submit bids *in duplicate* on the prescribed forms or copies thereof, along with bid bond if required, in a sealed envelope marked "**IT SWITCH EQUIPMENT BID**". Prepare bids in accordance with the requirements of the Notice to Bidders, and any instructions on the Proposal or Bid Sheet.

Note: No substitutes for part number. Bid exact part number and quantity.

2. Questions and Inquires:

Proposer's desiring further information or interpretation must request such information or interpretation/ all questions through Vendor registry.

3. Submission of Bids:

Bids may be submitted online to Vendor Registry or Two (2) copies of each proposal shall be submitted to the address below by the time and date set forth. Responses received later than the due date will not be accepted, and returned unopened.

Due Date: April 1, 2021 @ 2:00 PM

Send mailed responses to the attention of the City Secretary, Soco Gorjon, City of Conroe, P. O. Box 3066, Conroe, Texas 77305 or Physical Address 300 W. Davis St. Conroe, Texas 77301.

4. Owner:

The City reserves the right to award parts of bids, reject any or all bids and to waive technical irregularities in bidding. Contract award will be made on the basis of the lowest qualified responsible bidder or the bidder who provides the goods and services at the best value for the City, considering the evaluation selection criteria below. No bid may be withdrawn before 90 days after submittal.

Best Value Selection Criteria:

a) Purchase price.	50 Pts.
b) Meets all bid specifications.	20 Pts.
c) Reputation and past relationship with the City	10 Pts.
b) Best delivery.	20 Pts.

Total 100 Points

5. **Bidders:**

Bidders desiring Purchasing information or interpretation must request such information or interpretation from the Purchasing Department. Should a Bidder discover a discrepancy or an omission in the plans or specifications, he should at once notify the Purchasing Department so that an addendum can be issued. No explanation or interpretation other than an addendum issued by the City will be considered official or binding.

6. **Bid Evaluation and Award:**

The bid award will be made on the basis of *Texas Local Government Code Section 252.043*. This section allows the City of Conroe to develop and apply award evaluation criteria for procurement in order to obtain goods or services that provide the *best value* to the City. Under these guidelines, a vendor is not automatically awarded a bid simply because they submit the lowest bid response. In the event that the selected bidder fails to enter into agreement to provide the goods or services which are the subject of this invitation the City retains the right to award the bid to the next qualified bidder.

7. **Communications:**

The City of Conroe shall not be responsible for any verbal communication between any representative of the City and any potential firm. All modifications to this solicitation must be made in writing. A proposer's failure to examine relevant documents or specifications will not relieve proposer from any obligation with regard to their response to this invitation.

8. **Substitutions:**

Where materials or equipment are specified by a trade or brand name, it is not the intention of the City to discriminate against an equal product of another manufacturer, but to set a definite standard of quality or performance, and to establish an equal basis for the evaluation of bids. In preparing his bid, each bidder is expected to include in his base bid the cost of the items so specified with no substitutions.

9. **Default:**

The City reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately for failure to meet delivery or completion schedules, or otherwise perform in accordance with the general conditions of this proposal.

10. **References:**

The City of Conroe may request bidders to supply, with this Invitation to Bid, a list of at least five (5) references where like services have been supplied by their firm. Include name of firm, contact person, address, telephone number and fax number.

11. **Delivery of Proposals:**

It is the bidder's responsibility to deliver his proposal at the proper time to the proper place. The fact that a proposal was dispatched will not be considered. The bidder must have the proposal actually delivered before the time set and the start of opening of the

bids. Any bids received after the time and date specified in the Notice to Bidders will be returned unopened.

12. Corrections:

Erasures or other corrections in the proposal must be noted over with the proposer's initials.

13. Materials and Services:

The Bidder warrants that goods, materials or services delivered to the City will meet the minimum specifications set forth therein. Bidder shall furnish all data pertinent to specifications and warranties, which apply to items in the bid.

14. Equal Employment Opportunity:

Attention is called to the requirements for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their age, race, color, creed, sex or national origin.

15. Price of Materials and Sales Tax:

Prices for all goods or services shall remain firm for the duration of this contract and shall be stated on the bid sheet. Prices shall be all inclusive. Any price not shown on the bid sheet will not be honored by invoice. No price changes, additions or subsequent qualifications will be honored during the course of this contract. All prices must be written in ink or typewritten. Transportation, freight or other charges are to be prepaid by the bidder and included in the bid price. If there are additional charges of any kind, other than those mentioned above, specified or unspecified, Bidder must indicate both items required and attendant cost or forfeit the right to payment. Invoices must be submitted by the vendor in duplicate to the City of Conroe Purchasing Dept., P.O. Box 3066, Conroe TX 77305.

This Contract is issued by an organization, which qualifies for exemption pursuant to the provisions of Article 20.04 (F) of the Texas Limited Sales, Excise and Use Tax Act.

16. Payment Terms

The City of Conroe is exempt from state sales tax and federal excise tax. These taxes shall not be included in the submitted pricing. The City will provide tax exemption certificates upon request.

Invoices must be submitted by the vendor in duplicate to the City of Conroe Purchasing Dept., P.O. Box 3066, Conroe Texas 77305. If invoices are subject to cash discount, discount period will be taken from the date of completion of order or date of receipt of invoice, whichever occurs last regardless of whether or not correct discount terms appear on invoice.

17. Proposal Agreement and Certification

The Undersigned Agrees That:

- A. No Federal, State, County or Municipal taxes have been included in the quoted prices and none will be added.
- B. Prices in this proposal have not knowingly been disclosed with any other provider and will not be prior to award.
- C. Prices in this proposal have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition.
- D. No attempt has been made nor will be to induce any other person or firm to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.
- E. The individual signing this proposal certifies that he/she is a legal agent of the proposer, authorized to represent the proposer and is legally responsible for the offer with regard to supporting documentation and prices provided.

(Company Name)

(Name of Authorized Agent – Printed)

(Street Address / P.O. Box)

(Authorized Agent Signature)

(City / State / Zip Code)

(Date)

(Phone)

(E-Mail Address)

Arista Switch Refresh				
Qty	P/N	Description	Price Per Each	Total Price
40	CAB-S-S-25G-1M	Arista Networks		
67	CCS-720XP-48Y6- 2F-NA-P	switch, front to rear air, AC -2, NA Power Cords Arista Networks		
8	DCS-7050SX3- 48YC8-R	Arista 7050X3, 48x25GbE SFP & 8x100GbE QSFP switch, rear-to-front air, 2xAC, 2xC13- C14 cords		
8	LIC-FIX-2-FLX-L	Routing Up to 256K Routes, EVPN, VXLAN, SR, base MPLS LSR (no TE or link/node protection)		
67	LIC-FIX-MG-FLX-L	Ethernet Switches - Full Routing Up to 32K Routes, EVPN, VXLAN		
120	SFP-10G-SR P756	Arista Promo: 10GBASE-SR SFP+ (Short Reach)		
288	SVC-7050SX3-48YC8-1M-NB	Arista 1 Month A-Care Software & NBD Hardware Replacement/Same Day Ship for 7050SX3-48YC8		
2412	SVC-720XP-48Y6-1M-RB	Arista 1 Month A-Care Software Support and HW Replacement for CCS-720XP-48Y6		

Total Bid Price \$ _____

Company Name _____

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

OFFICE USE ONLY

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the goods or services to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 AFFIDAVIT I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.

 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20 _____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

 Signature of officer administering oath Printed name of officer administering oath Title of officer administering oath

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7

Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
- or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

- (1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);
- (2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or
- (3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

- (A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or
- (B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

- (A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);
- (B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or
- (C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

("Company or Business Name")
House Bill 89 Verification

I, _____ (Person name), the undersigned representative of _____ (Company or Business Name) hereafter referred to as "Company"; being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, after being duly sworn by the undersigned notary, do hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named-above, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270:

1. Does not boycott Israel currently; and
2. Will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2270.001, Texas Government Code:

1. *"Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and*
2. *"Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or any limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.*

DATE

SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

On this the ____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared _____, the above-named person, who after by me being duly sworn, did swear and confirm that the above is true and correct.

NOTARY SEAL

NOTARY SIGNATURE

Date

**CITY OF CONROE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

SENATE BILL 252 CERTIFICATION

On this day, I, _____, the Purchasing Representative for the City of Conroe, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 2252, Section 2252.152 of the Texas Government Code, certify that I did review the website list prepared, maintained, and made available to the City of Conroe by the Comptroller of the State of Texas of companies known to have contracts with or provide supplies or services to Iran, Sudan or any foreign terrorist organization. I have ascertained that the below-named company is not contained on said list of companies that do business with Iran, Sudan or any Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Company Name

RFP or Vendor number

CERTIFICATION CHECK PERFORMED BY:

Purchasing Representative

Date