

INVITATION TO BID
RALSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NUTANIX VM ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

1. **PROJECT INFORMATION.** Douglas County School District 28-0054, commonly known as Ralston Public Schools (School District), is requesting proposals from qualified individuals or entities for the purchase and installation of a Nutanix host environment to update our current Nutanix system. Bids are to reflect the ability of the bidder to provide hardware for installation before August 1, 2023. Bids should be itemized and indicate the costs for hardware, licensing and support, installation, warranty length and startup and integration into our current Nutanix environment.

2. **PRE-BID WALKTHROUGH.** All interested bidders may attend an on-site walkthrough at Ralston High School, 8969 Park Dr. Omaha, NE 68127. Bidders must contact Jennifer Ludes, Director of Technology for the Ralston Public Schools at (402) 331-4700 to schedule a meeting before February 28, 2023.

3. **BID SUBMISSION.** Two (2) copies of the proposal shall be addressed and delivered in a sealed envelope to Ralston Public Schools, Attn: Jennifer Ludes, 8545 Park Dr., Ralston, NE 68127-3690. Proposals will be received until 11:55 a.m. (Central Time) on March 29, 2023. Any bid received after that time and date will not be opened or considered, and will be returned to the bidder. Any costs associated with this bid shall be tax exempt in the name of the school district, and the bidder shall exclude from their bid all State of Nebraska and Local Option Sales and Use Tax for such materials. Bids shall include:

- A. An indication of the contractor's experience in similar or equivalent projects.
- B. A list of at least three (3) current projects of similar size and magnitude, including project manager's name and contact information.
- C. References (including contact person, address, and telephone number).
- D. Any proposed contract modifications.
- E. Any exceptions to the proposal requirements.
- F. Proposed work schedule.

4. **IDENTIFICATION OF PROPOSAL.** Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with the Bidder's name, address, and telephone number clearly marked on the cover. The lower left corner of the sealed envelope should read as follows: "Ralston Nutanix Bid".

5. **COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR LABOR STANDARDS.** Each bidder must submit a statement with its bid which attests that the bidder is complying with and will continue to comply with fair labor standards in the pursuit of

their business and in the execution of the contract which is being bid.

6. WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL. A request to withdraw a proposal must be made in writing and filed with the Assistant Superintendent prior to the time set for the opening of bids. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days following the opening of bids.

7. OPENING OF BIDS. Bids will be opened publicly and simultaneously in the presence of bidders and/or their representatives beginning at 12:00 p.m. on April 3, 2023 or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Board Room at 8545 Park Drive, Ralston, NE.

8. AWARDING OF BID. The bid will be awarded to the bidder with the highest score on the bid grading sheet. The winning bid shall be announced by the Board of Education at its meeting to be held on April 10, 2023 or at such other meeting determined by the Board.

9. DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS. Bidders may be disqualified and their proposals disregarded for reasons which include but are not limited to the following:

A. The School District has reason to believe that bidders have engaged in collusion.

B. The bidder being interested in any litigation against the Board of Education.

C. The bidder is in arrears on any existing contract or has defaulted on a previous contract.

D. The bidder has uncompleted work which, in the judgment of the Board of Education, will prevent or hinder the prompt completion of this construction project, if it were awarded to the bidder.

E. The bidder has not been in the business for at least five years.

10. NON-RESPONSIVE BIDDERS. Bidders that fail to respond to any request for information or samples, whether written or verbal, may be deemed non-responsive and their proposals may not be considered for the award.

14. CONTACT WITH BIDDERS. The district reserves the right to conduct discussions with any or all invited bidders for the purpose of clarification and modification. Discussion and negotiation may include, but is not limited to, the scope of the work, delivery schedule, and pricing.

15. PREFERENCE FOR RESIDENT BIDDER. In accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute section 73-101.01, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference over a nonresident bidder from a state which gives or requires a preference to bidders from that state. The preference shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state of the nonresident bidder.

16. REQUIREMENT OF WRITTEN CONTRACT. The bidder to whom the bid is awarded (contractor) will enter into a written contract and will perform all work pursuant to that contract. Any proposed changes or modifications to the contract document must be presented in the bidder's proposal. Any work subcontracted by the bidder is to be awarded by competitive

bidding unless otherwise agreed by School District in writing.

17. CODE COMPLIANCE. All aspects of the project must strictly conform to applicable codes as required by state and local authorities.

18. DEBARMENT. Submission of a bid in response to this invitation is certification that you, your company or any subcontractor associated with the bid are not currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from submitting bids to any State or Federal department or agency or any political subdivision of the State of Nebraska.

19. INSURANCE. The bidder must provide workers' compensation coverage to the extent required by applicable law for all its employees who work on the project. The contractor will also provide all liability insurance to cover its employees on this contract.

20. SUBSTITUTION OF MATERIALS. All materials shall be of the very best grade of standard manufacture and first class in every respect. Every brand mentioned in specifications is intended to represent quality and type of materials which will be demanded. It is not the intent to limit materials, equipment or fixtures to any one manufacturer. Where a definite material, equipment or fixture has been shown or specified, it has been done to set a definite standard and a reference in comparison. If, for any reason, the contractor should desire to furnish and install substitute materials, equipment or fixtures, it may submit to the school district a list of the same which it proposes to furnish. The opinion of the School District and/or the School District's representative shall be sole and final judge as to the suitability or equality of substituted items.

21. REJECTION BIDS AND WAIVER OF INFORMALITIES. School District reserves the right (a) to terminate the ITB process at any time; (b) to reject any or all bids; and (c) to waive formalities and minor irregularities in the bids received. School District further reserves the right to conduct a pre-award survey of any firm or individual under consideration to confirm any of the furnished information or to require other evidence of managerial, financial, technical and other capabilities, the positive establishment of which is determined by School District to be necessary for the successful performance of the contract. School District further reserves the right to cancel or amend the Invitation to Bid at any time and will notify all recipients accordingly.

22. NOTICE. By submitting a bid, the bidder agrees to waive any claim it has, or may have, against School District and its agents or representatives, and their respective employees, arising out of, or in connection with, the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid; waiver of any requirements under the bid documents or the contract documents; acceptance or rejection of any bids; and award of the contract.

23. INQUIRIES. Submit all questions, inquiries, or requests for clarification or site inspection in writing to Jennifer Ludes, Director of Technology,

Ralston Public Schools, 8545 Park Dr., Ralston, NE 68127-3690, e-mail:
jludes@ralstonschools.org .

Specific Bid Requirements to meet or exceed:

Processor: NX-8235N-G8, 2 NODE; 2X INTEL XEON- GOLD 6326 PROCESSOR (2.9 GHZ/ 16- CORE/ 185W, ICE LAKE) PER NODE, QTY 1

RAM: 64GB MEMORY MODULE (3200MHZ DDR4 RDIMM), QTY 16

Storage: 18 TB 3.5" HDD, QTY 8
7.68 TB SSD, QTY 4

Connectivity: LOM MODULE: BROADCOM 10GBE, 2- PORT, BASE-T NIC (BCM 57416), QTY 2
SILICOM 25/10GBE, 2-PORT, NIC (INTEL XXV710); TRANSCEIVER NOT INCLUDED, QTY 2

Power: 2200 W POWER SUPPLY UNIT with C13/C14, 10A, 4FT POWER CORD, QTY 2

Support and Licensing: 24/7 PRODUCTION LEVEL HW SUPPORT and necessary SUBSCRIPTION and LICENSING for 60 MONTHS

By signing below I recognize all general and specific bid conditions and will meet or exceed all bid conditions if awarded the annual contract.

Company Representative Date

Company Name: _____

Company Representative: _____

Contact Information: _____