Request for Proposals

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Date Issued: April 10, 2015

Enterprise WLAN & NAC Solution

Montgomery County Community College
Central Campus, Blue Bell, PA

DUE DATE/TIME: Friday, May 1, 2015, 2:00 PM EST

Pre-Proposal Meeting (Optional) Friday, April 17, 2015, 10:30 AM EST
Deadline for Inquiries Tuesday, April 21, 2015, 2:00 PM EST
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INVITATION TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL

The Board of Trustees for the Montgomery County Community College will receive proposals for the following: Enterprise WLAN & NAC Solution

There will be a voluntary pre-proposal meeting on April 17, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. Interested Proposers will meet at Montgomery County Community College, Main Campus, Room 146 College Hall at 340 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, 19422.

Bid Documents, including the Specifications, may be obtained at www.mc3.edu/purchasing or the Business Office, Montgomery County Community College, Room 121 College Hall, 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

Inquiries for information regarding this Request for Proposals should be submitted in writing and directed to:

Director of Procurement
Montgomery County Community College
Fax: (215) 641-6688
Email: purchasing@mc3.edu

Sealed Proposals shall be submitted by mail, hand-delivery or express courier to: Montgomery County Community College, Purchasing Department, Room 121 College Hall, 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422 by 2:00 P.M. EST on May 1, 2015. An original and four (4) copies of your proposal shall be submitted.

Proposals must be submitted on forms included in the bidding documents and must be accompanied by Proposal Security and Non-Collusion Affidavit in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Proposals shall conform to all other requirements as more fully set forth in the bidding documents, including compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All proposals submitted are valid for acceptance by the College and may not be withdrawn for one hundred twenty (120) days after proposal opening. The College reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or any part thereof or items therein and to waive informalities and/or technicalities as it deems best to protect its interest.

END OF DOCUMENT
INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

1. PROPOSAL DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

   A. The Proposal Documents have been prepared by the Purchasing Department of the Montgomery County Community College located at 340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422. The Proposal Documents are made available only for the purpose of obtaining Proposals for this Project. Their availability does not grant a license for other purposes.

   B. Upon receipt of Proposal Documents, Proposer shall verify that the documents are complete, and shall notify the Purchasing Department should the documents be incomplete, or upon finding discrepancies or omissions in the Proposal Documents. Proposer shall be responsible for the completeness of their set of Proposal Documents. No allowance or concession will be made to a Proposer who complains of missing portions of Proposal Documents subsequent to the award of Proposal. All requests for clarifications must be in writing and received by the College no less than seven (7) days before the Proposal due date. All clarifications, modifications and corrections to the Proposal Documents shall be issued in the form of Addenda and shall be forwarded to all known Proposers. Addenda listing revisions and changes to the Proposal Documents shall become a part of and take precedence over original Proposal Documents and shall be so honored by Proposers in preparing their Proposals.

2. DEFINITIONS

   A. Addenda: Written and/or graphic instruments issued by the College prior to the Proposal deadline which modify or interpret the Proposal Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications or corrections.

   B. College: Montgomery County Community College, its agents, employees and/or authorized representative.

   C. College Property: Shall mean any real property owned or operated by the College, and all buildings and improvements thereon, and any personal property, systems and equipment located therein or thereon.

   D. Contract Documents: Proposal Documents, Proposer’s completed Form of Proposal (but only with those exceptions accepted by the College as noted in the Agreement (hereinafter defined), and the completed Form of Agreement between College and Contractor (hereinafter “Agreement”), and any other documents required to be completed per the Proposal Documents.

   E. Contractor: Successful Proposer, i.e., Proposer to whom contract is awarded.

   F. Products: The Enterprise WLAN & NAC Solution, including, without limitation, all software, licenses, goods, products, equipment, and materials (including, without limitation, all necessary labor and manufacturing necessary to supply such items to the College in the form or manner required for the College to take beneficial use of such items and as may be further
detailed in the Specifications) identified to be supplied under the Contract as detailed in the Specifications.

G. Proposal Deadline: The date and time which the College will receive and open sealed Proposals as identified in the Invitation to Submit Proposal.

H. Proposal Documents: Invitation to Submit Proposal, Instructions to Proposer, Proposal Form, form of Non-Collusion Affidavit, form of Agreement, Specifications, and other sample proposal and contract forms, and all Addenda issued prior to Proposal opening.

I. Proposal Sum: Monetary sum identified by Proposer in Proposal form.

J. Proposer: Person or entity submitting a Proposal.

K. Services: All services (including, without limitation, all supplies and equipment necessary to perform such services) identified to be provided under the Contract as detailed in the Specifications, such as, without limitation, installation of software, trouble shooting, training, and maintenance.

L. Specifications: The drawings, plans and specifications included with the Proposal Documents that provide the technical details of the Products and Services.

3. TERM OF CONTRACT

It is the intent of the College to award a contract to a single Contractor for Products and Services in the designated buildings. If the College is not satisfied with the performance of the Contractor, then the Contract may be terminated at such earlier time as provided for in the Agreement.

4. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

A. Proposer shall be solely responsible for the delivery of their Proposal in the manner and time prescribed. All Proposals must be received by the College at the place designated in the Invitation to Proposal, prior to the time designated in the Invitation to Submit Proposals for Proposal opening. Proposals received after the time advertised for Proposal opening shall be returned to Proposer unopened.

B. Proposals shall be prepared and submitted on forms furnished by the College. All blank spaces shall be filled in, by typewriter or ink, and amounts shown in both words and numbers. In case of discrepancy, the written words shall be considered as being the Proposal Sum. Proposals should be prepared simply, providing straightforward and concise responses to requests for information and descriptions of qualifications and capabilities. Proposals having any erasures or corrections must be initialed by the Proposer in ink. In addition to the RFP proposal documents, proposers are required to complete and submit Excel document entitled, “RFP #13-050115RFP-WRL01 Response Template”.

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C. Proposals will remain firm and non-withdrawable for one hundred twenty (120) days after the opening of Proposals, and will thereafter remain firm and non-withdrawable until the Proposer provides written notice to the College’s Purchasing Department that the Proposal has been withdrawn.

D. The Proposal Form shall be signed in accordance with the following:

(1) If the Proposer is an individual, the Proposal shall be executed by him, personally; his signature shall be witnessed; his business address shall be stated, and any trade name employed in the conduct of his business shall be stated.

(2) If the Proposer is a partnership, the Proposal Form shall be executed in the name of the partnership by each of the partners, or a general partner authorized for this purpose; the signatures of the partners shall be witnessed; the business of the partnership shall be stated; and the business address of the partnership shall be stated.

(3) If the Proposer is a corporation, the Proposal Form shall be executed in its name and on its behalf: (a) by the President or Vice President and attested by the Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and the Corporate Seal shall be affixed; or (b) by a duly authorized agent of the corporation whose authority to act, as of the date of the Proposal, shall be established by a certified copy of a resolution by the Board of Directors of the proposing corporation authorizing said agent to sign the Proposal on behalf of the corporation, submitted with the Proposal. The business address of the corporation and state of incorporation shall be stated.

(4) If the Proposer is a limited liability company, the Proposal Form shall be executed in its name and on its behalf: (a) by all of the members if the company is member-managed, or by the managing member if the company is manager-managed, or (b) by a duly authorized agent of the company whose authority to act, as of the date of the Proposal, shall be established by a certified copy of a resolution by the members of the proposing company authorizing said agent to sign the Proposal on behalf of the company, submitted with the Proposal. The business address of the company and state of formation shall be stated.

(5) If the Proposer is a joint venture, each party of the joint venture shall execute the Proposal Form under their respective seals in a manner appropriate to such party as described above.

E. All Proposals, including required enclosures if applicable, shall be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope, clearly identified with Proposer’s name and the name of the Services subject to the Proposal. The envelope should also contain a notation that it should not be opened until the time specified for Proposal opening. Proposal envelopes not bearing this notation and opened in error will not receive consideration. If a Proposer elects to submit a Proposal by mailing rather than hand delivery, the sealed Proposal envelope described above shall be enclosed in a mailing envelope and addressed to the College, and must be received prior to the date and time specified for Proposal opening. Formal sealed proposals may be submitted by mail, hand-delivery or express courier to:
Montgomery County Community College  
Purchasing Department - #13-050115RFP-WRL01  
Room 121 College Hall  
340 DeKalb Pike  
Blue Bell, PA 19422

F. **Addenda.** Prior to the opening of Proposals, Proposer may be furnished bulletins for additions, corrections, or modifications to Contract Documents. These bulletins, in the form of addenda, are to be included in the Proposal and are part of the Contract. Failure of the Proposer to acknowledge any/all Addenda on his Proposal may be sufficient cause for rejection of his Proposal. The College intends that all Proposers shall have equal access to information relative to this RFP, and that this RFP contains adequate information. No information communicated, either verbally or in writing, to or from a Proposer shall be effective unless confirmed by an addendum to this RFP, or in the Proposal. It is the responsibility of each submitting Proposer to ascertain prior to submitting its response that all issued Addenda have been received. Addenda will be posted on the College’s purchasing web site at http://www.mc3.edu/purchasing.

G. **References.** It is the College’s position that only a Contractor who has demonstrated the ability to successfully deliver Products and Services to an educational facility similar in size and configuration to the College can deliver products and services at the level required by these specifications. Therefore, these specifications have as a standard that all references have a minimum rating of “acceptable performance.”

Each Proposer shall submit as part of its Proposal:

- All current service contracts in PA, to a maximum of twenty-five (25). Educational facility contracts preferred.
- All service contracts in PA that have expired or been terminated in the past three (3) years.

All references to be complete with name, contact individual, location, phone number, and type of facility.

H. **Financial Statements.** Proposer shall submit a copy of its financial statements upon request by the College.

I. **Finality of Decision.** Any decision made by the College, including the Contractor selection, shall be final.

J. **Release of Claims.** Each Proposer by submitting its Proposal releases the College from any and all claims arising out of, and related to, this RFP process and selection of a Contractor.

K. **Contractor Bears Proposal Costs.** A recipient of this RFP is responsible for any and all costs incurred by it or others acting on its behalf in preparing or submitting a Proposal, or
otherwise responding to this RFP, or any negotiations incidental to its Proposal or this RFP. All Proposals submitted will become the property of the College.

L. **Disclosure of Proposal Content.** The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania require public information be available for examination by all interested parties. No Proposals shall be disclosed until after an award has been made. The College reserves the right to destroy all Proposals if the RFP is withdrawn; the award of the Contract is withdrawn; or otherwise in the normal course of business. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a Proposer in connection with this procurement transaction shall not be subject to public disclosure (except as required by law); however, the Proposer must invoke protection prior to or upon submission of the data or the materials, and must identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reason why protection is necessary. **Proposers shall submit, in a separate section of the Proposal, any information considered proprietary and any copyrighted material and clearly identify the information as proprietary and/or copyrighted information. Proposers may not declare their entire Proposal proprietary nor may they declare proposed pricing to be proprietary.** References may be made within the body of the Proposal to proprietary information; however all information contained within the body of the proposal not in the separate section labeled proprietary shall be considered public information.

M. **Exceptions to RFP.** Any exceptions to the terms and conditions contained in this RFP or any other special considerations or conditions requested or required by the Proposer MUST be specifically enumerated by the Proposer and be submitted as part of its Proposal, together with an explanation as to the reason such terms and conditions of this RFP cannot be met. The selected Contractor(s) shall be required and expected to meet the RFP requirements as set forth in this RFP in their entirety, except to the extent exceptions are expressly set forth in the Contractor’s Proposal and those exceptions are expressly accepted by the College and expressly incorporated into the Agreement in writing.

N. **Oral Interview.** The College may require qualified Proposers to participate in an oral interview and negotiation process to discuss their Proposal and to answer any questions the College may have regarding the RFP and Contractor’s Proposal.

O. **Inquiries.** Inquiries for information regarding this Request for Proposals should be submitted in writing and directed to:

Vicki Giammarco, Director of Procurement  
Montgomery County Community College  
Fax: (215) 641-6688  
Email: purchasing@mc3.edu

P. **Number of Copies.** An original, so marked, and 4 copies, so marked, for a total of 4 of your Proposal are required. We request that an electronic copy in PDF format be submitted on an accompanying compact disc or flash drive. Submit proposals in a sealed envelope marked as follows:
Proposers are responsible for having their Proposal stamped by Purchasing Department staff before the deadline for receipt of proposals. The College will not assume responsibility for reproduction where an insufficient number of copies have been supplied. In any such case, College will notify the Proposer of the deficiency and request that the appropriate number of copies be delivered within 24 hours. Failure to comply with this or other requirements of this Request for Proposal shall be grounds for the College to reject such proposals. Telegraphic or facsimile submission of proposals is not acceptable and any such proposals will not be considered. Nothing herein is intended to exclude any responsible Proposer or in any way restrain or restrict competition. All responsible Proposers are encouraged to submit proposals.

5. **MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL**

Proposals may not be modified after submittal. Proposals may be withdrawn after submittal, provided Proposer makes his request to withdraw in writing and the request is received prior to the time specified for Proposal opening. Negligence by Proposer in preparing his Proposal confers no right of withdrawal or modification of his Proposal after such Proposal has been opened.

6. **QUALIFICATIONS**

Prior to the award of contract, College may require satisfactory evidence to show that the Proposer is fully prepared in every way to perform the Contract timely and that he has been regularly engaged in such business. Proposer shall be prepared to furnish evidence that all certificates and public licenses have been properly maintained, are current, and shall attest that his company has never been defaulted on any public contract. The College may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of a Proposer to perform the work. The Proposer shall furnish the College all such information and data pertinent to the evaluation of the Proposer’s response to this Request for Proposals upon written request from the College.

7. **COLLUSIVE PROPOSALS**

A. More than one Proposal for one contract from an individual, partnership, corporation, company or an association under the same or different names will be grounds for rejection of all Proposals in which such Proposer is interested. Any and all Proposals will be rejected if there is any reason for believing that collusion exists among any of the Proposers. Participants in such collusion will not be considered in future Proposals.

B. By submitting its Proposal, the Proposer certifies that it has not combined, conspired or agreed to intentionally rig, alter or otherwise manipulate, or to cause to be rigged,
altered or otherwise manipulated its Proposal for the purpose of allocating purchases or sales to or among persons, raising or otherwise fixing the prices of the products or services, or excluding other persons from dealing with the College.

C. By submitting its Proposal, the Proposer certifies that its proposal is made without collusion or fraud and that it has not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other Proposer, supplier, manufacturer or related entity in connection with its proposal; and that it has not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised.

D. Proposer shall submit with their Proposal, a Non-Collusion Affidavit in the form contained in the Proposal Documents.

8. **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

The College reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion (for this provision and all other provisions contained in this RFP), to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all Proposals with or without cause. The College further reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in this RFP process or any Proposal, and the right to award the Contract to other than the Proposer submitting the best financial proposal (low bidder). The College reserves the right to request additional information from any or all Proposers. The College reserves the right to negotiate with one or more Proposers concerning their Proposals. The College reserves the right to award contracts to multiple Proposers.

9. **PROPOSAL REJECTION**

The College reserves the right to reject any and all Proposals, or parts of a Proposal, when a rejection is in the College’s interest. The College reserves the right to reject a Proposer if he is not in a position to perform the contract or has previously failed to perform similar contracts properly or on time.

10. **CONTRACT**

A. The College reserves the right to award a contract for one or more of the items set forth in the Specifications, or for all items set forth in the Specifications.

B. The College will notify the selected Proposer of the Colleges intent to accept his Proposal and to make a formal award of contract to him by the Notice of Intent to Award. The College will include with the Notice of Intent to Award the Agreement to be signed by the successful Proposer. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Notice of Intent to Award, the successful Proposer shall furnish (1) Certificates of Insurance as required pursuant to Section 13 of the Instructions to Proposer and the Specifications; and (2) the signed Agreement. The Insurance Certificates and Agreement shall be submitted to the College’s Purchasing Department within the required time period.
C. The entire integrated agreement between the College and Contractor in connection with the supply of Products and Services shall constitute the “Contract Documents” and form the Contract.

D. Failure of the Proposer to whom Notice of Intent to Award has been given to deliver appropriate Certificates of Insurance, or execute the Agreement within the time specified, shall constitute a default by such Proposer and the College may, at its sole discretion, award the contract to another Proposer or re-advertise for Proposals, and the defaulting Proposer shall pay to the College the difference between the amounts of his Proposal and any higher amount for which the College may contract for the required services, plus any advertising, consulting, legal or other expenses incurred by reason of the default. The College may, in its sole discretion, extend the time period for submission of the above items, upon request of Proposer.

11. **STANDARD OF QUALITY**

The various Products and Services specified in the Specifications by name or description are given to establish a standard of quality and of cost for Bid purposes. It is not the intent to limit the Bidder to any one Product or Service specified but rather to describe the minimum standard. When proprietary names are used, they shall be followed by the words “or substitution meeting or exceeding the minimum standard of quality, as determined by the College as evidenced by Addenda.” A Proposal containing a substitution which does not meet the Specifications may be declared non-responsive. Where Products or Services are listed with the words “No Substitutions”, these items are proprietary and the sole acceptable source for these Products and Services, and no substitutions will be permitted.

12. **INSURANCE**

Contractor shall carry such liability insurance as set forth below to fully protect the College from claims which may arise out of or result from the Contractor’s operations under the Contract and for which the Contractor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the Contractor or by a subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. No Services shall be started until the College has been provided Certificates of Insurance executed by an insurer licensed and qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on a standard form provided by the insurer stating their intention to provide insurance to the Contractor in accordance with these insurance requirements. All Certificates of Insurance must indicate that the College has (through endorsement to the policy) been specifically named as an additional insured. The Certificate of Insurance must also provide that the policy will not be changed, cancelled or allowed to expire until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been provided to the College. Such insurance limits shall remain in full force and effect during the term of the Contract. Said insurance certificate must be provided to the College prior to commencement of Services under the Contract. The certificates of such insurances shall carry an endorsement that the Insurance Company will defend the College as a party in the event the College becomes a party to litigation as a result of the activities or negligence of the Contractor, sub-contractor, or any direct or indirect employee of same under the terms of the Contract for injuries to property or person. Insurance
shall be provided by a carrier that has an A.M. Best rating of not less than “A-,” and a financial rating of VII. The limits of liability shall be no less than:

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General liability coverages shall be provided by commercial general liability policy on an occurrence basis. The policy date shall predate the Contract. The termination date of the policy shall be no earlier than the termination date of the Contract or later if otherwise specified in the Proposal Documents. Automobile Liability Insurance shall be maintained throughout the term of the Contract to cover owned automobiles; leased, hired, or rented automobiles; employers’ non-ownership liability; medical payments and uninsured motorists. This same coverage is understood to extend to all trucks and motorized equipment.

13. **FAMILIARITY WITH PROPOSED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

The Contract is entered into by the College with the understanding that the Contractor, prior to submission of his Proposal, acquainted itself with the requirements of all Instructions to Proposer, Specifications, and other Proposal Documents, and that it has obtained all necessary information for provision of the Products and Services during the term of the Contract. The Contractor shall not at any time after the execution of the Contract set up any claims whatsoever based upon insufficient data or incorrectly assumed conditions, nor shall the Contractor claim any misunderstanding in regard to the nature, conditions or character of the Products and Services to be provided under the Contract, and Contractor shall assume all risk resulting from any changes in the conditions which may occur during the progress of the work.

14. **MSDS SHEETS; PA WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT**

Each Proposer using any materials containing any hazardous substance listed on the Hazardous Substance List compiled by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor & Industry, must furnish appropriate material safety data sheets for all products. The successful Proposer shall comply with all other terms and conditions of the Pennsylvania Worker and

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Community Right to Know Act, Act No. 159 of 1984, 35 P.S. §7301 et seq., providing all information regarding the composition of all materials and products used or installed as part of the Project when required.

15. **HUMAN RELATIONS ACT**

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, Act 222 of October 27, 1955, P.L. 744, 43 P.S. §951 et seq., prohibit discrimination because of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, age, sex, national origin, handicap or disability, by employers, employment agencies, labor organizations, contractors and others. Contractor does hereby agree to comply with the provisions of this Act, as amended, which are hereby made part of the Contract. Contractor’s attention is directed to the language of the Commonwealth Non-Discrimination Clause as set forth in 16 Pa. Code §349.101.

16. **ACT 34 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Pursuant to Section 1-111 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, 24 P.S. §1-111, as the same has been and may be amended from time to time, prior to commencing work under the Contract, Contractor shall submit for any employee or independent contractor who would be working on the College site, pursuant to work contemplated in the Contract, (a) a report of criminal history record information from the Pennsylvania State Police or a statement from the Pennsylvania State Police central repository contains no such information relating to that person, (b) a report of federal criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and (c) a written report from each employee or independent contractor, on the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s standardized form, reporting any arrest or conviction for an enumerated offense. Contractor shall produce the original documentation for each prospective employee or independent contractor of such Contractor prior to employment. Contractor shall not allow any prospective employee or independent contractor on the job site prior to providing the College with the above-referenced criminal history record information for said prospective employee or independent contractor and receiving back from College acknowledgement that the individual is permitted to work on site. As required pursuant to §1-111, Contractor shall cause its employees and independent contractors to provide written notice of any subsequent arrests or convictions for any enumerated offense with 72 hours after an arrest or conviction. Contractor shall comply with §1-111, and any and all amendments thereto at Contractor’s sole cost and expense.

17. **CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES BACKGROUND CHECKS**

Prior to commencing the work under the Contract, Contractor shall submit for any employee or independent contractor who would be working on the College site, pursuant to any work contemplated in the Contract, an official clearance statement obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, pursuant to Section 6344 of the Child Protective Services Act, 23 Pa.C.S. §6344(b)(2), as the same has been or may be amended from time to time. Contractor shall not allow any prospective employee or independent contractor on the job site prior to providing the College with the above-referenced clearance statement for prospective employees or independent contractors, and receiving an acknowledgement from the College that the individual is not named in the Statewide child abuse database as either an alleged perpetrator

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in a pending investigation, or the perpetrator in a founded or indicated report. Contractor shall comply with all amendments to this Act at Contractor’s sole cost and expense. Contractor shall provide its employees with mandatory child abuse recognition and reporting training per Act 126 of 2012.

18. **ACT 168 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY REVIEW**

Pursuant to § 1-111.1 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, 24 P.S. Section 1-111.1, as the same has been or may be amended from time to time, prior to commencing work under the Contract, Contractor shall submit for any employee or independent contractor who would be working on the Owner’s site, pursuant to work contemplated in the Contract, a Pennsylvania Sexual Misconduct/Abuse Disclosure Release form for each of such employee’s or independent contractor’s (a) current employer, (b) former employers considered school entities as defined therein, and (c) former employers where said employee or independent contractor had direct contact\(^1\) with children. Contractor shall provide the Owner with an affidavit affirming that all of the current and former employer’s responses came back with no affirmative responses regarding any of Contractor’s employees or independent contractors contemplated to work on the Owner’s site. Contractor shall not allow, and the Owner will not permit, any employee or independent contractor with any such affirmative responses indicated on any of the Sexual Misconduct/Abuse Disclosure Release forms on the Owner’s site. In any instance where any current or former employee with regard to this paragraph is not responsive and/or fails to return any Sexual Misconduct/Abuse Disclosure Release form regarding any employee or independent contractor, the Owner must approve said employee’s or independent contractor’s placement on the Owner’s site. Contractor shall not allow any prospective employee or independent contractor on the job site prior to providing the Owner with the above-referenced employment history review information for said prospective employee or independent contractor.

19. **WAIVER OF CONSEQUENTIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES; ECONOMIC LOSS**

A. The Contractor waives claims against the College for consequential and/or incidental damages arising out of or relating to the Contract. This waiver includes, but is not limited to:

(i) Consequential damages incurred by Contractor for principal office expenses including, but not limited to, the compensation of personnel stationed there, for losses of financing, business and reputation, and for loss of profit except anticipated profit arising directly from the Products and Services.

(ii) Incidental damages incurred by Contractor including, but not limited to, costs resulting from stopping performance under the Contract, removing and transporting Contractor’s property (e.g., Contractor’s Products, equipment, supplies and materials) from the

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\(^1\) Direct Contact with Children is defined as “the possibility of care, supervision, guidance or control of children or routine interaction with children.” 24 P.S. §1-111.1(m)
College’s Property, and storing Contractor’s property (e.g., Contractor’s Products, equipment, supplies and materials) at an alternate location.

B. The above waiver is applicable, without limitation, to all consequential and/or incidental damages, due to the termination of the Contract by Contractor or the College.

C. The Contractor shall have no claim or right of recovery of damages against the College for economic loss sustained, in whole or in part, by any act or omission of the College to the extent that such act or omission constitutes a breach of contract. Specifically, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Contractor shall have no claim against the College for economic loss based upon any tort, including, without limitation, negligence, negligent misrepresentation or any other tort-based theory of liability.

20. FEES, PERMITS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Contractor, its employees and agents shall secure, at its sole cost and expense, and maintain all necessary permits, licenses and certifications as required by federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances, which are legally required prior to and during the work, unless otherwise specified by the College. All costs and fees for same shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor.

21. TAXES

A. Contractor is responsible for sales taxes and any other applicable taxes related to the Services provided under the Contract.

B. The College is exempt from Federal Excise and State Sales and Use Tax on all tangible personal property purchased or leased by it for its use or consumption. The Contractor shall pay all County, City, State and Federal taxes required by law enacted at the time proposals are received and resulting from the work or traceable thereto, under whatever name levied. Said taxes shall not be in addition to the contract price between the College and the Contractor, as the taxes shall be an obligation of the Contractor and not of College, and College shall be held harmless for same by the Contractor. Exemption certification will be supplied upon request.

22. ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS

A. Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, local and industry statutes, regulations, ordinances, codes and standards. The failure to specifically reference or include said matters in the Contract Documents does not excuse Contractor from compliance with same.

B. The Contractor shall comply with any and all laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, and College policies, applicable to providing the Products and Services contemplated under the Contract. The Contractor, including its employees and agents, shall be responsible for knowing the College’s policies concerning appropriate behavior of persons in its schools, and on its properties including for example, the prohibitions of sexual harassment, alcohol and smoking, and shall comply with all such policies. In the event any federal, state, local or other governmental
body’s laws, rules, ordinances or regulations are revised, changed or amended, or in the event there are revisions, changes or amendments to the College’s policies, the Contractor shall comply with all such revised, changed or amended laws, rules, ordinances regulations or policies, at no additional cost to the College.

C. All Products and Services to be furnished by the Contractor and the Contractor’s working conditions and employment practices shall comply with all applicable state and federal requirements, including, but not limited to, the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

23. CONTRACT TERM

Unless specified otherwise, the initial term of the contract shall be a minimum of one (1) years. For future contract periods, price increases shall be limited to no more than 3% unless mutually agreed-upon at least 60 days before the renewal term commences. The base price to which any adjustments will be made shall be the prices in effect during the contract term prior to the proposed term.

24. PAYMENT

Invoices received and approved by the College, by the first of the month, will be paid within thirty (30) days. Contractor will be paid in accordance with the foregoing schedule, provided all Products and Services for which payment is requested have been completed in accordance with the Contract and Contractor is in full compliance with all requirements of the Contract. Late payments shall be interest at the rate of three percent (3%) simple interest per annum. If applicable, Contractor shall submit with its invoices payroll certifications evidencing the number of hours worked per employee (e.g. the employee’s position, number of hours worked per week, building(s) worked in, etc.) and such other information reasonably requested by the College to establish the minimum number of hours are being provided, which payroll certifications shall be in such form as is reasonably satisfactory to the College. If Contractor fails to provide the minimum number of hours required, the College may deduct from Contractor’s monthly payment the total cost of labor and benefits (at the hourly rates set forth on Contractor’s Proposal) for those hours not worked.

25. TIME PERIOD FOR PERFORMANCE OF WORK

A. The time for delivery of Products and Services upon issuance of a purchase order of notice from the College is designated in the Specifications. Time is of the essence in providing all Products and Services required by the Contract.

B. In the event Contractor shall neglect or refuse to provide or complete the Products and Services as required, or any part thereof, or to replace any Products or Services which are rejected, then the College is authorized and empowered to purchase Products and Services in conformity with the Contract from such other party or parties, and in such manner as it shall elect at the expense of the Contractor, or to cancel the Contract; reserving to itself, nevertheless, all rights for damages, including attorney’s fees, legal costs, and additional professional fees, which
may be incurred by the College. The foregoing rights and remedies shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights and remedies available to the College at law or in equity.

26. **ACCESS; CLEAN-UP; DAMAGE TO PREMISES**

   A. Prior to entering on College Property, Contractor shall notify the Executive Director of Technical Services, so that the College can notify Contractor of any security requirements and make appropriate arrangements to accommodate Contractor’s work.

   B. All shipments are to be made to the College in accordance with the instructions forwarded to the successful Proposer by the College. All deliveries shall be made between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, except on College holidays.

   C. Where work is to be performed by Contractor on College Property, Contractor shall keep the College Property premises free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by the Contractor’s performance. At completion of the work, Contractor shall remove from and about the premises (or properly store, if applicable), all waste materials, rubbish, Contractor’s tools, equipment, machinery and surplus materials. If the Contractor fails to clean up as provided herein, the College may do so, and the costs thereof shall be charged to the Contractor.

   D. Contractor shall promptly remedy damage and loss to any College Property, campus building or equipment caused in whole or in part by the Contractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by him.

27. **WARRANTY**

   A. **Products.**

   (i) All Products shall be new merchandise (except as agreed by the College), not previously used or recycled merchandise, and all workmanship thereon shall be first class. Each Product, including any labor associated with such Product, shall be guaranteed by Contractor against defects in workmanship and materials for a period of one (1) year from the date such Product was delivered to and accepted by the College, unless a longer period is set forth in the Specifications (the “Warranty Period”).

   (ii) During the Warranty Period, Contractor shall promptly remedy, at Contractor’s expense, any defects in such Product, including, without limitation, any damage to College Property, which were caused, in the sole judgment of the College, by defective or inferior Products, workmanship or materials. If these defects are not remedied within five (5) days from notice received, the College shall have the right to replace any and all defective Products and damaged College Property and the Contractor agrees to pay all cost incurred thereby. Said costs may be deducted in whole or in part from the Contractor’s bill if said bill has not been paid in full.

   (iii) If a Proposer’s proposed Warranty Period is less than or more than one year, the Proposer must specify the terms of the guarantee along with the price of the Products.

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B. **Services.** All Services shall be guaranteed by Contractor against defects in workmanship and materials. During the term, Contractor shall agree to promptly remedy, at Contractor’s expense, any defects in such Services, including, without limitation, any damage to College Property, which were caused, in the sole judgment of the College, by defective or inferior Services, workmanship or materials. Contractor shall re-perform all rejected Services. If these defects are not remedied within five (5) days from notice received, the College shall have the right to have any and all defective Services re-performed by another party and to replace any and all damaged College Property and the Contractor agrees to pay all cost incurred thereby. Said costs may be deducted in whole or in part from the Contractor’s bill if said bill has not been paid in full. Contractor warrants that all Services will be provided as described in the Contract with the College.

C. The foregoing warranties shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of any other warranties available to the College under the Contract Documents or at law or in equity.

28. **DELAY AND EXTENSIONS OF TIME.**

If Contractor is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by any act or neglect of the College, its agents or employees, any separate Contractor employed by College or by changes ordered in the services, labor disputes (excluding labor disputes involving Contractor’s employees), fire, unusual delay in transportation, adverse weather conditions not reasonably anticipated, unavoidable casualties or by any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Contractor, Contractor’s exclusive remedy shall be an extension of time allowed for completion of the work under the Contract. This extension of time shall not act as an entitlement for damages due and owing the Contractor for said delay. Under no circumstances shall Contractor be entitled to claim or recover payment, compensation or damages for any delays from any cause whatsoever in the progress of the work, notwithstanding whether such delays be avoidable or unavoidable.

29. **GOVERNING LAW.**

The Contract shall be governed by the law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, without regard to conflicts of law principles. As between the College and Contractor, any applicable statute of limitations shall commence to run and any alleged cause of action shall be deemed to have accrued as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The College reserves all rights and privileges applicable to it pursuant to the doctrine of nullum tempus occurrit regi.

30. **CLAIMS AND DISPUTES.**

Claims, disputes or other matters in question between the parties to the Contract arising out of or relating to the Contract or breach thereof shall be exclusively litigated in the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County and shall not be subject to arbitration, except for compulsory arbitration as provided by the applicable rules of civil procedure. Pending resolution of any claim and/or dispute, unless otherwise agreed in writing, Contractor shall proceed diligently with performance of the Contract so as to avoid delay in the schedule of completion of the Project.
31. **WAIVER OF CLAIMS.**
   The acceptance of final payment by Contractor shall constitute a waiver of all claims by Contractor against the College other than those previously made in writing and specifically identified by Contractor as unsettled at the time of application for final payment.

32. **RIGHT TO CONTRACT WITH OTHERS**
   The College reserves the right to contract with other service providers for additional products and services.

33. **ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING**
   The Contractor shall not assign, convey, encumber, subcontract, or otherwise transfer its rights or duties under the Contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the College. A description of any work the Contractor proposes to subcontract shall be submitted to the College for review and approval along with the name and address of the individual, firm, or corporation that is the proposed subcontractor. This submittal shall also include a list of the key personnel that the subcontractor will assign to the project. All work performed by any subcontractor shall be coordinated by the Contractor and the Contractor will be responsible to the College for all work performed by any subcontractor or special consultant.

34. **NON-APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**
   Any resultant contract shall terminate immediately upon exhaustion of properly appropriated funds should the Board of Trustees fail to appropriate sufficient funds for its continuation. If the College determines, in its discretion, that it lacks adequate funds to pay part or all of the payments for the Products and Services described in the Contract, the College’s obligation under the Contract will terminate as of the date that the funding expires without further obligation to the Contractor.

35. **PROPERTY DAMAGE**
   The Contractor shall be responsible for any damage to College Property, buildings, furniture, equipment, systems, information systems, driveways, paving lawns, shrubbery, etc. which is created or caused by its activities, employees, agents or subcontractors.

36. **SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS**
   Services shall not be started before all insurance documents, background checks and child abuse clearance records have been received by the College.

37. **ENVIRONMENTAL INDEMNIFICATION**
   Throughout the term of the Contract, Contractor shall not permit itself or any third party to use, generate, handle, store or dispose of any Hazardous Substances in, on, under, upon or
affecting any College property in violation of any federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations regarding the protection of the environment. The Contractor shall abide by all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations regarding the protection of the environment. The Contractor shall report any violations to the applicable governmental agency and the College. A violation of applicable laws, rule or regulations may result in termination of this Contract. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the College, its directors, officers, agents and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including without limitation attorney’s fees and legal costs, arising out of or resulting from Contractor’s failure to strictly comply with this Section 38 and all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations governing the protection of the environment. As used herein, the term “Hazardous Substances” shall mean (i) any hazardous or regulated substance as defined by all federal, state and local environmental laws, including, but not limited to, Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq.) (“Clean Water Act”), the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 et seq.) (“RCRA”), Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 300f-j-26), Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 2601 et seq.), Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq.), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq.) (“CERCLA”), the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11001 et seq. (“EPCRA”), the administrative rules and regulations promulgated under such statutes, or any other similar federal, state or local law or administrative rule or regulation of similar effect, each as amended and as in effect and as adopted as of the date of execution of this Contract, (ii) any other pollutant, contaminant, hazardous substance, solid waste, hazardous material, radioactive substance, toxic substance, noxious substance, hazardous waste, particulate matter, airborne or otherwise, chemical waste, medical waste, crude oil or any fraction thereof, radioactive waste, petroleum or petroleum-derived substance or waste, asbestos, PCBs, radon gas, all forms of natural gas, or any hazardous or toxic constituent of any of the foregoing, whether such substance is in liquid, solid or gaseous form, or (iii) any such substance the release, discharge or spill of which requires activity to achieve compliance with applicable law.

38. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS

A. All finished or unfinished information or materials, documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models, photographs, and reports or other materials prepared by or for the Contractor under any resultant contract shall, at the option of College, become College property and shall be delivered to and remain the property of College upon completion of the work or termination of the Contract. The College shall have the right to use and reproduce the data and reports submitted hereunder, without additional compensation to the Contractor.

B. Any documents provided to the Contractor by the College shall be returned to the College upon request.

39. ROYALTY AND LICENSE FEES AND COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARK AND PATENT PROTECTION

A. In submitting its Proposal, the Contractor certifies that there has been no violation of copyrights or patent rights in manufacturing, producing, or selling the Products or Services to
be ordered as a result of this Request for Proposals.

B. Unless specified otherwise in the Contract, the Contractor shall pay all royalty and license fees relating to the items covered by the Contract.

C. In the event any third party shall claim that the manufacture, use and sales of the Products or Services offered hereby constitutes an infringement of any copyright, trademark, or patent, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the College from any cost, expense, damage or loss incurred in any manner by the College on account of such alleged infringement.

40. ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The College may add to the scope of Products and Services or make changes in the scope of Products and Services to other products and services of a similar nature to those specified in the Specifications of this Request for Proposals as mutually agreed to and at a price mutually agreed upon.

41. NONDISCRIMINATION

If the resultant contract exceeds $10,000, during the performance of the contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

A. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex or national origin, except where religion, sex or national origin is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

B. The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.

C. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.

D. The Contractor will include the provisions of the foregoing subparagraphs A, B and C in every subcontract or purchase order of over $10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or supplier.

42. PRECEDENCE OF DOCUMENTS

Unless otherwise noted, the precedence of documents shall be as follows: the Contract, the Request for Proposals and the Contractor’s response to the Request for Proposals.

43. ANTI-TERRORIST COLLUSION CLAUSE
The College must require that investment advisers, investment service providers and/or investment entities guard against making investments with banks and companies that may have hidden terrorist links.

END OF DOCUMENT
PROPOSAL FORM

ENTERPRISE WLAN & NAC SOLUTION

Montgomery County Community College
Purchasing Department
Room 121 College Hall
340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422
Attn: Director of Procurement & Auxiliary Services

Date: __________________________

Ladies and Gentlemen:

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:

________________________________________________________________________
(Name of Proposing Firm)

________________________________________________________________________
(Address)

Deliver unopened Proposals to person indicated in the Invitation to Submit Proposal. Deliver this Proposal on or before date and prevailing local time indicated in the Invitation to Submit Proposal. Proposals will be opened and read at time and place indicated in the Invitation to Submit Proposal.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Having carefully examined the Proposal Documents, including all specifications, the facilities, and all conditions affecting the Products and Services, the undersigned hereby proposes to provide all Products and Services in strict accordance with the Proposal Documents and all Addenda (if any) as indicated below:

ADDENDUM NO. ____ DATED _______ ADDENDUM NO. ____ DATED _______

inclusive, for following fees:

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All dollar amounts are stated in United States Dollars.

My Proposal will remain firm for the period of time indicated in the Instructions to Proposers.

The Products and Services shall be completed during the term of the Contract, commencing on ________________, 20____.

This Proposal is submitted in accordance with and subject to all terms and conditions of the Proposal Documents which are incorporated herein by reference and shall be construed to be part hereof, with the same effect as if such were reported at length herein.

When the Proposer is an individual:

WITNESS:

__________________________ (SEAL)

Signature of Individual

Trading and doing business as:

__________________________

When the Proposer is a partnership:
WITNESS:

__________________________________________

Name of Partnership

__________________________________________
By: _______________________________ (SEAL)

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By: _______________________________ (SEAL)

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By: _______________________________ (SEAL)

When the Proposer is a corporation:

__________________________________________
Name of Corporation

Attest: _______________________________
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

By: _______________________________
President/Vice President

(CORPORATE SEAL)

__________________________________________ is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of ____________________ and has (has not) been granted a certificate of authority to do business in the State of Pennsylvania.

When the Proposer is a limited liability company:

WITNESS:

__________________________________________
(Name of Limited Liability Company)

By: _______________________________ (SEAL)
Print Name: ____________________________
(Managing) Member

__________________________________________
By: _______________________________ (SEAL)
Print Name: ____________________________
Member

__________________________________________
By: _______________________________ (SEAL)
Print Name: ____________________________
Member

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__________________________ is a company organized and existing under the laws of _______________ and has (has not) been granted a certificate of authority to do business in the State of Pennsylvania.

END OF DOCUMENT
FORM OF NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

State of ______________________ : SS
County of ______________________ : 

I state that I am ______________________ of ______________________ 

>Title) (Name of Firm)

and that I am authorized to make this Affidavit on behalf of my firm, and its Owners, Directors and Officers. I am the person responsible in my firm for the price(s) and the amount of this Proposal.

I state that:

1. The price(s) and amount of this Proposal have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement with any other contractor, Proposer or potential Proposer.

2. Neither the price(s) nor the amount of this Proposal, and neither the approximate price(s) nor approximate amount of this Proposal, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a Proposer or potential Proposer, and they will not be disclosed before Proposal opening.

3. No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any firm or person to refrain from bidding on this contract, or to submit a Proposal higher than this Proposal, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive Proposal or other form of complementary Proposal.

4. The Proposal of my firm is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive Proposal.

5. ______________________, its affiliates, (Name of My Firm) subsidiaries, officers, directors and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last three years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal Law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public

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I state that ________________________________ understands

(Name of My Firm)

and acknowledges that the above representations are material and important, and will be relied on by MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE in awarding the contract(s) for which this Proposal is submitted. I understand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this Affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE of the true facts relating to the submission of Proposals for this contract.

(Name)

(Company Position)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED

BEFORE ME THIS _______ DAY

OF ____________________, 20___

_________________________  ____________________________
Notary Public               My Commission Expires
INSTRUCTIONS FOR NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT

1. This Non-Collusion Affidavit is material to any contract awarded pursuant to this Proposal. According to Section 4507 of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Procurement Code, 62 Pa.C.S. § 4507, governmental agencies may require Non-Collusion Affidavits to be submitted together with Proposals.

2. This Non-Collusion Affidavit must be executed by the member, officer or employee of the Proposer who makes the final decision on prices and the amount quoted in the Proposal.

3. Proposal rigging and other efforts to restrain competition, and the making of false SWORN statements in connection with the submission of Proposals are unlawful and may be subject to criminal prosecution. The person who signs the Affidavit should examine it carefully before signing and assure himself or herself that each statement is true and accurate, making diligent inquiry, as necessary, of all of persons employed by or associated with the Proposer with responsibilities for the preparation, approval or submission of the Proposal.

4. In case of a Proposal submitted by a joint venture, each party to the venture must be identified in the Proposal Documents, and an Affidavit must be submitted separately on behalf of each party.

5. The term “Complementary Proposal” as used in the Affidavit has the meaning commonly associated with that term in the bidding process, and includes the knowing submission of Proposals higher than the Proposal of another firm, any intentionally high or noncompetitive Proposal, and any other form of Proposal submitted for the purpose of giving a false appearance of competition.

6. Failure to file an Affidavit in compliance with these instructions may result in disqualification of the Proposal.

7. A Proposer’s statement that it has been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by Federal or State Law in any jurisdiction involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract within the last three (3) years does not prohibit a government agency from accepting a Proposal from or awarding a contract to that Proposer, but it may be grounds for administrative suspension or debarment in the discretion of the government agency under the rules and regulations of that agency or, in the case of a government agency with no administrative suspension or debarment regulations or procedures, may be grounds for consideration on the question of whether the agency should decline to award a contract to that person on the basis of lack of responsibility.

END OF DOCUMENT
FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN COLLEGE AND CONTRACTOR

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This contract ("Contract") is entered into by and between the Montgomery County Community College, a public College in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (hereinafter "College") and ___________________________(hereinafter "Contractor").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the College desires to enter into an agreement for an Enterprise WLAN & NAC Solution (the "Products and Services").

WHEREAS, the College and Contractor agree that it shall be the primary obligation of the Contractor to operate its affairs so that the College will be assured of Contractor’s continuous and reliable service.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **Term:** The Contractor agrees to provide the College with the Products and Services commencing _______________, 20___ and ending ________________, 20_____, subject to the termination provisions set forth in the Contract. Upon mutual written consent, the Contract may be renewed for ____ (____) additional ________ year terms. For future contract periods, price increases shall be limited to no more than 3% unless mutually agreed-upon at least 60 days before the renewal term commences. The base price to which any adjustments will be made shall be the prices in effect during the Contract term prior to the proposed term. The continuation of this Contract is contingent upon satisfactory performance by the Contractor. If the provision of Products and performance of the Services are not acceptable, this Contract may be terminated by the College at no additional cost to the College. The College shall be the sole determiner of the quality of Products and Services and whether they are satisfactory.

2. **Description of Services:** Contractor agrees to and shall furnish the Products and Services in accordance with this Contract, the Proposal submitted by Contractor (but excluding any exceptions to College’s RFP, unless expressly set forth in this Section 2 as being accepted by College) and other Contract Documents. [INSERT ANY EXCEPTIONS TO COLLEGE’S RFP AGREED TO BY COLLEGE]

3. **Payment of Services:** During the term of this Contract, Contractor shall invoice the College by the first working day of each month, an amount reflecting Products and Services provided during the previous month by Contractor (not to exceed 1/12 of the total annual fixed fee). Payment, net of any College expenses, shall be made by the College within thirty (30) days as set forth in the Instructions to Proposer. Payment shall only be rendered upon the successful submission of an invoice to the College by the Contractor no later than the first day of the month.
All invoices must be submitted in accordance with the College’s instructions and must contain any or all information requested by the College. Invoices not submitted by the Contractor on or before the date as specified shall be carried by the Contractor until the next billing date at no additional cost to College. If applicable, Contractor shall submit with its invoices payroll certifications evidencing the number of hours worked per employee (e.g. the employee’s position, number of hours worked per week, building(s) worked in, etc.) and such other information reasonably requested by the College to establish the minimum number of hours are being provided, which payroll certifications shall be in such form as is reasonably satisfactory to the College. If Contractor fails to provide the minimum number of hours required, the College may deduct from Contractor’s monthly payment the total cost of labor and benefits (at the hourly rates set forth on Contractor’s Proposal) for those hours not worked. The Contractor’s records and documentation supporting such invoices shall be made available to College upon reasonable request. The Contractor agrees to retain all records, documents and support materials relevant to the contract for a period of five years following final payment.

4. Insurance: Prior to the commencement of the provision of Products and Services and throughout the entire term of this Contract, Contractor shall maintain insurance of the type and in the amounts set forth in the Instructions to Proposer.

5. Assignment and Subcontracting: The Contractor shall not sublet, sell, transfer, assign, or otherwise dispose of the Contract, or any portion thereof, or of its right, title, or interest therein without the prior written consent of the College which consent may be withheld at the College’s sole discretion. No subcontract shall be made with any other party for furnishing any of the Products and Services to be provided in accordance with this Contract without the prior written consent of the College, which consent may be withheld at the College’s sole discretion.

6. Independent Contractor: Contractor understands that in performing this Contract, Contractor is acting in the capacity of an independent contractor, and the Contractor shall not be an agent, servant, partner nor employee of the College. Contractor shall be solely responsible to pay its own federal, state and local income taxes for its employees, salaries, social security payments, and any and all other payments incurred by Contractor in the performance of this Contract, as well as perform all necessary legal requirements pertaining to employment. None of the benefits provided by the College to its employees, including, but not limited to, workers’ compensation insurance, disability insurance, medical insurance, and unemployment insurance are available from the College to Contractor and/or any of Contractor’s agents, servants, or employees. Contractor has no authority to assume or create any obligations or responsibility, express or implied, on behalf of or in the name of the College, or to bind the College in any way whatsoever.

Contractor hereby agrees that the Products and Services to be performed under this Contract will be performed entirely at Contractor’s risk, and Contractor assumes all responsibility for the subject matter of this Contract. Contractor shall be solely responsible for its acts during the provision of Products and performance of the Services set forth in this Contract.
Contractor hereby agrees that in the provision of Products and the performance of the Services required under this Contract, Contractor has full and sole responsibility for compliance with all federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances.

7. **Indemnification:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the College, its directors, officers, agents and employees, from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including without limitation attorney’s fees and legal costs, arising out of or resulting from the Contractor’s performance of the Contract, including, without limitation claims, damages, losses or expenses attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of property, including loss of use resulting therefrom, caused in whole or in part by acts or omissions or negligence of the Contractor, a subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or for anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by the College. Contractor further agrees to indemnify, save and hold the College, and its directors, officers, agents, and employees harmless from and against any and all claims brought by the agents, workers, servants, or employees of Contractor for any alleged negligence or condition caused or created, in whole or in part, by the College. The indemnification obligations under this paragraph shall not be limited by a limitation on amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or a subcontractor under workers’ or workmen’s compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts. Further, nothing in this indemnification provision is intended to waive or extinguish the immunity protections of the College, its agents or employees as set forth in the Pennsylvania’s Political Subdivision Torts Claims Act. Contractor’s indemnity obligations shall be in addition to any insurance requirements under the Contract and any other indemnity obligations under the Contract, and shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of the Contract.

8. **Release:** Contractor hereby releases the College, its directors, officers, agents, workers, servants and employees from any and all matter of liability whatsoever, whether it be in law or in equity, as to any kind and all kinds of damages, which shall include, but not be limited to, personal injury and damage to personal property, resulting to the Contractor, its agents, servants, or employees in the provision of Products and performance of the Services described herein.

9. **Termination Provisions; Partial Cancelation:**

   A. At any time during the term of this Contract, the College shall have the unilateral right to terminate Contractor for “cause” (as defined below) effective immediately upon notice to Contractor. For purposes of this Contract, “cause” shall mean:

   i. Contractor breaches, neglects or fails to diligently perform, to the satisfaction of the College, any or all of Contractor’s responsibilities under this Contract;

   ii. Contractor commits an act of dishonesty or breach of trust, or acts in a manner adverse or injurious to the interest of the College;

   iii. Contractor’s act or omission results in or is intended to result directly in gain to or personal enrichment of Contractor at the College’s expense;
iv. Contractor violates or breaches any of the provisions of this Contract;

v. Contractor or any of Contractor’s employees, agents, or servants are indicted for or convicted of a felony or any crime involving larceny, embezzlement or moral turpitude; or

vi. Contractor becomes insolvent, makes an assignment for the benefit of creditor(s), files or has filed against Contractor a petition for relief or other proceeding under Federal bankruptcy laws, state insolvency law, or is assessed, or administered in any type of creditor’s proceeding.

B. Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection A to the contrary, upon ten (10) days written notice to Contractor, the College may, without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy, elect to terminate the Contract. Upon receipt of written notice from the College of such termination, Contractor shall cease operations as directed by the College in the notice; take actions necessary, or that the College may direct, for the protection and preservation of the work; and except for work directed to be performed prior to the effective date of termination stated in the notice, terminate all existing subcontracts and purchase orders and enter into no further subcontracts and purchase orders. In case of such termination, where Contractor is without fault, Contractor shall be entitled to receive payment from College for all work satisfactorily performed prior to termination.

10. **Entire Agreement, Caption, Counterparts and Modifications:** This Contract, together with the documents incorporated by reference in Section 18 of this Contract, contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby, and supersedes all previous written or oral negotiations, commitments, agreements and writings. The captions in this Contract are for the convenience of reference only, and do not form a part hereof, and do not in any way modify, interpret or construe the intention of the parties. This Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts. Each counterpart shall be deemed to be an original instrument, and all such counterparts together shall constitute but one instrument. This Contract may only be modified in writing and signed by all of the parties. Capitalized terms used in this Contract but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Instructions to Proposers or Specifications.

11. **Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue:** This Contract shall be construed and interpreted and its validity shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, without regard to conflicts of law principles. Jurisdiction and venue for any disputes arising in connection with this Contract shall lie solely with the Court of Common Pleas of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in and for the County of Montgomery. All parties hereto hereby submit themselves to the exclusive jurisdiction and agree to accept service of any court process, order or other document by certified mail in lieu of personal service.

12. **Notices:** Any notice required to be given hereunder shall be given in writing, and shall be served in person, or deposited in the form of a written notice in the United States mail and sent by registered or certified mail with postage charges prepaid, or sent by national
overnight delivery service, including, but not limited to, Federal Express or through an electronic delivery system, such as telex or fax, properly addressed and directed to the party to receive the same, at the following addresses or such other address as may hereafter be substituted therefore by notice in writing thereof:

If, to the College:

Montgomery County Community College
Vice President for Finance & Administration
340 DeKalb Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422

With a copy to:

Marc B. Davis, Esquire
Fox Rothschild LLP
Ten Sentry Parkway, Suite 200
Blue Bell, PA 19422

If to the Contractor:

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Notice shall be deemed given on the earlier of the date of receipt or the second business day after having been mailed in accordance with this Section. The Contractor agrees to notify College immediately of any change of legal status or of address.

13. **Invalidity:** The invalidity of any one or more of the words, phrases, sentences, Sections or subsections contained in this Contract shall not affect the enforceability of the remaining portions of this Contract or any part thereof, all of which are inserted conditionally on their being valid in law. In the event that any one or more of the words, phrases, sentences, sections or subsections are found to invalid or unenforceable, this Contract shall be read as is if such offending provisions had not been inserted, and if such invalidity shall be caused by the length of any period of time set forth in any part hereof, such period of time shall be considered to be reduced or increased, as necessary, to a period to time set forth in any part hereof, such period of time shall be considered to be reduced or increased, as necessary, to a period which would cure such invalidity.

14. **Binding Effect:** This Contract shall be binding upon and insure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

15. **Waiver:** The waiver by a party of any term, covenant, obligation, or condition herein contained shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or waiver of any obligation or condition herein contained. No covenant, term, obligation or condition of this
Contract shall be deemed to have been waived by the College, unless such waiver be in a written notice to Contractor executed by the College.

16. Construction: For purposes of this Contract, the neuter shall include the masculine and the feminine, the masculine shall include the feminine, the feminine shall include the masculine, the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular, as the context may require.

17. Remedies: The rights and remedies of the College contained herein shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any rights and remedies provided under the law or in equity.

18. Incorporation by Reference: The terms and conditions of the following documents, if checked, are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part thereof:

   a. Invitation to Submit Proposal
   b. Instructions to Proposers
   c. Proposal Documents
   d. Specifications
   e. Addenda
   f. Non-Collusion Affidavit
   g. Contractor’s Proposal

(Excluding any exceptions to the College’s RFP, unless the College has expressly acknowledged and incorporated such exceptions in Section 2 above.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hand and seal as of the date first above written.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Attest: _____________________ By: _____________________
Name: _____________________ Name: _____________________
Title: _____________________ Title: _____________________

Contractor

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Attest: _____________________ By: _____________________
Name: _____________________ Name: _____________________
Title: _____________________ Title: _____________________

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SPECIFICATIONS

1. Project Overview

1.1. Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to invite prospective vendors to submit a proposal to supply an Enterprise WLAN and NAC solution to Montgomery County Community College along with accessories outlined in this RFP. The RFP provides vendors with the relevant operational, performance, application, and architectural requirements of the system.

2. General Information

2.1. The Organization

Montgomery County Community College also known as 'MCCC', or 'MC3' is a two year, community college in Blue Bell, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. MCCC also has a two satellite campuses in Pottstown, PA (West Campus) and Lansdale, PA (Culinary Arts Institute). MCCC is accredited by the Commission of Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Combined, the college has 14,000 enrolled students and 1,100 employees.

Montgomery County Community College currently utilizes 200 wireless 802.11g/n access points with (2) physical controllers. Within a traditional semester month, the college averages 5,000 active wireless devices and typically peaks at 2,500 simultaneously connected clients. The college is seeking replacement of legacy technology with 802.11ac access points and supported controller(s).

The college network is composed of a high speed backbone with at minimum 1Gbps WAN links connecting remote satellite campuses. We utilize a traditional three layer approach to networking (core, distribution, access) for all network infrastructure switching hardware. Each major building is connected at 20Gbps and minor buildings connected at 1Gbps.

The College is seeking to improve capacity, resilience and performance of the wireless network, while also bolstering security for the devices and users it supports. Our goals for this RFP include:

- Reduce overall WLAN support and administration costs.
- Enhance speed and reliability of WLAN for end users, guests and contractors.
- Improve WLAN security using both international standards and proprietary technologies.
- Deliver key new applications to business units and users.
- Improve posturing capabilities for non-college owned devices.
• Provide an easy to use onboarding experience to wired/wireless networks for our users.
• Achieve 100% occupied space coverage for devices utilizing 802.11ac hardware

2.2. Existing Technology Environment

The following is a listing of our current WLAN and Networked environment. Please reference “Attachment 1” for building maps.

802.11 G/N Wireless Network

• 150 Access Points (Central Campus) / 41 Access Points (West Campus)
• 2 – Physical WLAN Controllers (Central Campus / West Campus)
• Enterprise grade switching hardware
• Services:
  o Student / Faculty / Staff / Public, Wireless Connectivity
  o VoIP Handsets
• RADIUS Services for authentication, accounting and dynamic VLAN assignment
• Automatic wireless client configuration software

Networked Environment

• Next Generation Highly Available Firewall
• On Premise Data Center
• Load Balancing appliances
• Virtualization Technologies for Server Platforms

Infrastructure

• 1000Mbps connectivity to each currently installed access point
• At minimum CAT5e to each access point
• MDF/IDF locations that are within 300’ from AP locations
3. Proposal Preparation Instructions

Vendors are to respond to the RFP in as much detail as possible to ensure we have all pertinent information to make the best decision possible. Proposers are required to complete and submit Excel document entitled, “RFP #13-050115RFP-WRL01 Response Template”. Vendors have the option to respond to either the wireless portion of the RFP, the network access control portion of the RFP or both. Please utilize the included RFP Response Template for all responses. This template is an Excel workbook with several worksheets for each relevant section of the RFP. Please limit all responses on the template to 200 words. If additional response is needed, please limit to 15 pages. All responses are required to use the template format for submission to qualify as a valid proposal.

MCCC considers network diagrams, details of system components and department procedures confidential information. Vendors that require additional detail about the existing MCCC infrastructure are encouraged to request that information through purchasing@mc3.edu and will be required to complete the Confidential Disclosure Agreement attachment prior to receiving any confidential information, such as network diagrams.

3.1 Anticipated Wireless Infrastructure

- RFP should be based on a quantity of 400, 802.11ac access points with at least 2 radios per access point
- Quantities and types can be adjusted upon finalization of an internal site survey being performed by the college. Survey results are expected early May 2015.
- Building wiring is not part of this project and will be handled separately, we will be providing (2) CAT6A plenum cable runs per wireless access point location, totaling 800 cable runs.
- PoE switches are not part of this project and will be procured separately. MCCC will be adding an additional 48 port switch per MDF/IDF location to support additional access points.

3.2 Anticipated NAC Infrastructure

- System and licensing to support 8,000 active devices and/or 15,000 active users.

3.3 Items Required For Response

- Completed relevant worksheets of included RFP Response Template.
- Any additional supporting materials outlining your product line
- Timeline for full implementation of project
- Three (3) comparable higher education institutions utilizing your solution
- Completed RFP electronically and three (3) printed copies

3.4 Questions

- Reference the procurement website www.mc3.edu/purchasing
- RFP questions can also be addressed at the stated vendor meeting
- Electronic building drawings can be requested through the procurement office

3.5 **Assessment of Responses**

The RFP will be assessed using the following criteria:

- Total cost of ownership
- End user experience
- Ease of management
- Implementation simplicity
- Integration capabilities (with existing college solutions)
- Potential for future innovation
- Experience of manufacturer and vendor in higher education
- Compliance with current security standards

4. **WLAN Project**

The WLAN project at Montgomery County Community College will consist of procuring, installing and configuring all hardware necessary to provide 802.11ac client access across each campus. The chosen vendor will work with the IT Department at MCCC to attach this new hardware to the existing infrastructure. Please refer to sections 4.x of worksheet A (WLAN RFP Questions) within the RFP Response Template to demonstrate how the proposed solution accomplishes the requirements for each subsection.

4.1. **Overview of Proposed Solutions**

The WLAN system will be completely replacing our legacy 802.11a/b/g/n wireless infrastructure to make way for future growth of our network and new wireless technologies. Solutions should take into consideration high density spaces and an accurate amount of access points to provide for full coverage. The proposed solution should also take into account our current infrastructure to ensure complete interoperability.

4.2. **Wireless Network**

**Capacity and Scalability**

Scalability and ease of continually adding access points is important. In particular, we require an efficient management platform that will assist us in terms of a large, campus-wide expansion of hundreds of access points. Students gather in specific areas and the solution should have adequate products that can handle dense areas of connectivity. Growth has shown that our users own multiple devices and the solution should anticipate a calculated approach toward an even higher count of devices per individual.

**Outage Management**
Access points should have the ability to either attach to a secondary controller in case of disruption to the primary controller or contain this technology in cloud based systems. Access points should also have the capability to perform mesh networking if Ethernet connectivity is lost.

**Radio Frequency (RF) Management**

The proposed solution should contain the following features; real-time RF heat maps, identification and mitigation of rogue devices and traffic, intrusion detection, DoS mitigation, spectrum analysis, RF planning functions, automatic channel and power setting management, and troubleshooting tools. The solution should also account for 2.4GHz / 5GHz devices and a method for migrating toward 100% 5GHz in the future.

**Power Management**

Access points must adhere to 802.3af (low) and / or 802.3at (high) PoE capabilities that are being supplied by enterprise grade switches. Energy conserving access points are desired, but not required.

**Quality of Service (QoS)**

Quality of Service must be a feature of the proposed solution to allow for prioritization of traffic that includes, voice, video, or specific traffic classified as business critical.

**Devices / Clients**

The management platform should be able to identify devices and provide an accurate account for how many devices are on the network along with the type of device. The solution should also have the ability to provide a zero client handoff for devices that travel within the enterprise.

4.3. **Deployment, Configuration, Training, Professional Services**

This solution will be for LAN deployment and will not use any remote sites that are not interconnected to the MCCC LAN, although the solution should have the ability to deploy remote access points when the need is desired.

**LAN Deployment**

Internal antenna based access points should be considered for the bulk of the deployment, but areas that require greater coverage or do not fit the physical requirements of internal based antenna access points will be considered. Access points should provide the ability to be automatically adopted using DNS or other related services.

**Remote Deployment**
Access points should support remote deployment and adoption by an on premise or cloud based management system. Remote access points should include the same management, configuration and policy abilities as LAN based deployed access points.

**Network Configuration & Design**

The solution should include an approved application or tool to allow for the design and placement of additional access points with visual representation of coverage. Management devices should be able to be deployed in geographically separated locations.

**Training**

MCCC will require training on the provided solution as it relates to day-to-day operation and management of the product. This RFP should include learning credits for recommended training for (3) system administrators.

**Professional Services**

This solution should take into account any professional services required to bring the solution from procurement to full implementation in our production environment. This includes, but is not limited to installation of access points, configuration of the products, and installation of recommended options. Required network switches and cabling will be deployed before the start of the project.

**4.4. Integration**

*Device Tracking*

The solution must be able to support location based tracking (i.e. 802.11, RFID and micro location systems).

**Complimentary Solutions**

The solution should include an integrated and documented API that allows for 3rd party integration. SNMP MIB files should be publically available for integration 3rd party monitoring solutions. Cellular offload should also be a part of the solutions portfolio as an implementation opportunity in the future.

**4.5. Functionality / Innovation**

The proposed solution must have been utilized in higher education environments and the vendor must have a documented client list that could be called upon at a future date.

**Software Update Deployment**

Access points should have the ability to be configured through a management platform and distribute configuration changes without the need of rebooting/restarting the access point. Access point software/firmware upgrades should have the ability to be remotely
delivered, monitored as per the status of the upgrade, and provide capabilities to stage the upgrade process to prevent complete client loss during the process.

4.6. Management Experience / Interface

Web Management Interface

The solution should provide an intuitive user experience with management from a single pane of glass or single system management for the entire infrastructure. RAIDUS or AD/LDAP management authentication must be required to access the management system and account for role based access.

Role based views should be an option within the solution for access to specific portions of the system. The management GUI should be operating system agnostic and allow all configuration options from Windows, MacOS, or Linux builds that have been published in the last 3 years.

Reporting

The reporting capabilities of this solution should have the capacity to run on-demand custom and template reports for near live data and at least 30 days of archival reporting. Reporting should include historical data pertaining to client association of the access point and device characteristics. The solution should allow easy access to inventory reporting, bandwidth/client metrics, and device changes.

Identification

The solution should support methods for identification of client devices, location of device, and user associated with the device that is attached to the wireless network.

Out of Band Management

The wireless solution should support out of band management of the system as it pertains to interacting with any management platforms.

4.7. Reliability / Performance

Reliability and availability are a primary concern of our institution. This solution should take into account the capabilities of providing redundant management devices if on premise or cloud based services are used. The solution should account for scaling the product to incorporate additional capacity and growth in infrastructure. We require a product that has maturity in the industry, a lifetime that will not require frequent hardware replacement and considers itself a leader in the industry. This solution can be proposed in a physical, virtual, or cloud based controller deployment taking into account performance of the solution being
paramount in the recommendation. The deployment of the product should also account for providing redundancy in regards to placement geographically.

**Service Level Agreement (SLA) Management Features**

Cloud based management platforms should support an anticipated 99.99% uptime. There should be documented service credit amounts for accrued downtime.

**4.8. Technology Specifications / Security**

The recommended solution should be able to identify applications on the wireless network and have an update platform that accounts for new applications that make their way to the enterprise. When performing spectrum analysis, there should be a process in place to provide continued client connectivity when performing such RF troubleshooting techniques. Management platforms should support SSL based access to GUI and console based systems.

**4.9. Business Model**

The fee structure for maintenance support should adhere to an annual renewal cycle to anticipate a traditional higher education fiscal year. This solution should reflect a product that anticipates future technologies and allows for a migration path to such products incorporating these technologies. The solution should reflect a product that has had success in deployment of its past product line and has been in the market for the last 3 years. Support for the product must be available from the manufacturer or the vendor of this solution. A solution that shows great growth in partnerships with other manufacturers is also of great interest to MCCC as we use this system in new ways.

**4.10. WLAN User Experience**

The below user experience examples are traditional methods we perceive the future network. The proposed solution should reflect this experience at minimum. Please use the attached form for your response that includes your feedback as to how this experience would be related to your proposed solution.

1. **Client Experience – Onboarding to new wireless network (college member):**

   When a new user comes to any one of our campuses and enters a building, the user would first search for a broadcasting SSID from their chosen device and choose the selected network to connect. Upon successful connection a web browser would be presented to perform initial client onboarding and configuration of the network on their intended device with prompts to enter enterprise credentials as part of the initial setup. Upon successful authentication and setup the user would be redirected to a secure webpage that outlines the MCCC acceptable usage of technology policy. The user would at this time be fully connected to the network and proceed with their intended usage of the network. Once the user has completed their usage, they could come and go as they please and automatically authenticate when their device was in a wireless covered area.
2. **Client Experience – Onboarding to new wireless network (non-college member):**

A user would initially search for available wireless networks and choose a network to establish their connection. Upon connection the onboarding process would occur and fail at time of credential verification. The user would be directed to a webpage that outlines requirements and options for connectivity. The user continues by requesting sponsored wireless access to the network by entering their personal information (name, email address, phone number) and submitting the form. A college employee would login to the future system, acknowledge their request and associate the guest user with their sponsorship. This user would then be prompted with a web page redirection to our MCCC acceptable usage of technology policy and permit access to the network.

5. **Network Access Control (NAC)**

Open access is the core of the community college missions. The college comprises faculty, staff, students and visitors that require access to the college network facilities. Network users expect simple access methods while utilizing a secure infrastructure that protects them, their devices and their data.

Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) seeks technology that will provide a seamless and secure experience for all users connecting via the on-campus wireless and wired networks, as well as for remote users connecting via the college VPN services. To achieve that end, MCCC seeks a solution that can meet or exceed expectations in the following areas.

### 5.1. **Students, Faculty, Staff and Visitor Experience - AKA User Experience**

MCCC seeks a solution that allows students, faculty, staff and visitors to seamlessly connect to the network through various methods (wired, wireless, VPN) while protecting campus computing resources, including the users and devices sharing the college network.

**Student, Faculty, Staff Onboarding**

At the time of connection, existing students, faculty and staff shall authenticate against the central college identity store and the users device shall be inspected for compliance with college and the result of the compliance check will be used in conjunction with information about the particular user (including their role, membership status, etc) to determine the appropriate next steps.

If the device is not compliant with college policy, for example it does not have anti-virus installed, the device should be isolated and the end user should be provided instruction guiding them to self-remediate. IT staff resources are limited and user self-service is a key component of the solution.

Compliant devices shall be permitted access to the college network and the solution should allow for provisioning access based on the users role (student, faculty, staff,
visitor) and/or device type (desktop, laptop, tablet, smartphone, personal or college issued, etc).

**Visitor Onboarding**

Visitors shall be provided the ability to request an account to allow connection to the college network facilities. Visitors should be prompted with relevant college policy and provide information that can be used to validate the individual's identity. Sponsored access, where a member of the college community authorizes a visitor’s access may prove useful.

Seamless, secure, simple and self-service are keys to user experience goals of the project. Please refer to section 5.1 of worksheet C (NAC RFP Questions) within the RFP Response Template to demonstrate how the proposed solution accomplishes the vision for end user experience.

5.2. **Security Policy Compliance**

MCCC recently adopted a personal device security compliance standard as part of its IT Security Program. MCCC seeks a solution that permits implementation of that policy to maximize risk reduction through secure computing devices and practices, while minimizing the burden placed on end users and college IT staff.

The personal device security compliance standard is available upon request. The standard documents requirements based on the network access method, systems involved and sensitivity of data stored on the systems.

Please refer to section 5.2 of worksheet C (NAC RFP Questions) within the RFP Response Template to demonstrate how the proposed solution accomplishes the goals of security policy compliance.

5.3. **Integrations**

MCCC seeks a solution that integrates into the existing infrastructure to enhance current strengths. Please refer to section 5.3 of worksheet C (NAC RFP Questions) within the RFP Response Template to demonstrate how the proposed solution accomplishes the integration goals.

5.4. **System Architecture**

MCCC seeks a solution that initially supports 15,000 devices in a specific school year (September to August). However, the solution must be capable of scaling to 50,000 devices without a forklift overhaul.

MCCC is seeking solutions that may incorporate dedicated hardware or virtual machine technology. In addition, the solution should be highly available to enable in-service upgrades and eliminate downtime as the result of a single failed component. Additionally, the solution
should observe industry standards for secure deployment (NIST, OWASP, CIS, SANS, etc.) including configurations such as encrypted console access, encrypted storage, removal of unnecessary services, software updates, etc.

Please refer to section 5.4 of worksheet C (NAC RFP Questions) within the RFP Response Template to demonstrate how the proposed solution accomplishes the system architecture requirements.

5.5. Management Experience / Interface

MCCC seeks a solution that includes an intuitive management interface that permits simple and efficient device management, while also providing valuable insight into the security of the users and devices connected to the network. Reporting functionality should permit access to real-time and historical data. The solution should also include the training required for 3 IT staff members to be adept at system administration and support.

Please refer to section 5.5 of worksheet C (NAC RFP Questions) within the RFP Response Template to demonstrate how the proposed solution meets the management experience/interface requirements.

5.6. Business Model / Support / Deliverables

MCCC seeks a solution and partnership with a vendor that understands the unique challenges for securing networks in an organization with an open access mission. Additionally, MCCC desires a vendor with proven capability to implement the proposed solution and to understand the vendor’s capacity to assist with ongoing operating and maintenance.

Please refer to section 5.6 of worksheet C (NAC RFP Questions) within the RFP Response Template to demonstrate how the proposed solution meets the business model requirements.

6. Budget & Estimated Pricing

Please use the attach form to outline your intended pricing to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. Be sure to incorporate all requested and required features from previous sections. You must respond using the attached pricing form and address all sections.

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