



Rhode Island Airport Corporation

December 8, 2025

ADDENDUM NO. 03

Invitation for Bids (IFB) No. 36661

**NETWORK REFRESH – PROCURMENT, INSTALLATION, AND PROGRAMMING at / for
Rhode Island T. F. Green International Airport (PVD)**

*****Bids are now due 12/18/2025 @ 2:00PM EST*****

Prospective proposers and all concerned are hereby notified of the following changes in the document(s) related to: **Invitation for Bids (IFB) 36661**. These changes shall be incorporated in and shall become an integral part of the contract documents.

1. Is there an incumbent? If so, who is it?

A: No, there is not.

2. Should we submit a bid bond when we present our proposal, or can we provide evidence that we can obtain one. Once RIAC is ready to award the contract, a bid bond can be obtained prior to a PO. Would that be acceptable?

A: Yes, Bid Bond will be required at the time of Bid please refer to the Section 00010.

3. Is winning bidder responsible for identifying and moving any patch cables from the existing core or distribution layer?

a. If so, what is the approximate quantity and breakdown (fiber, copper) of the cables to identify and move?

A: Yes, the winning bidder is responsible, as per Section 270000-9, General Requirements, bullet #5 of the IFB Specification document. Regarding the quantities and breakdown, please reference Section 272100-6, 2.4 NETWORK ACCESS SWITCHES, point B.



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Network Core/Distribution Layer Switch – for quantities and breakdown (fiber = 672 vs copper = 0).

4. What transceivers are required for the FortiGate replacements?

A: Fortinet certified and compatible products (single mode fiber optics, duplex LC).

5. Is a vector drawing (such as Visio) acceptable for Rack Elevation, High-Level Design (HLD), and Low-Level Design (LLD)?

A: Yes

6. Can you provide a link for Rack drawings? If not, could you please provide the total counts of Data Centers (DCs), Main Distribution Frames (MDFs), and Intermediate Distribution Frames (IDFs), and the number of switches in each room?

A: Please visit <https://flyri.com/riac/procurement/> and click “Download”, fill out the form as requested.

7. Can you clarify the Support requirements reference in Section 12 of the IFB-36661 document?

A: The “DETAILED SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS” Document has been removed from the IFB Submittal.

8. Is RIAC looking for Managed Services support for the network as referenced in Section 12 of the IFB-36661 document?

A: No, the “DETAILED SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS” Document has been removed from the IFB Submittal.

9. What is the required warranty duration? The IFB calls for 1 year from Beneficial Occupancy, but the suggested BOM lists 3 years. Should we quote 3 years, as referenced in the suggested BOM, to remain price-competitive?



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A: Please quote **one (1) year** for cores, distribution and edge switches. The specification has been updated accordingly.

10. What is the “Beneficial Occupancy Date” referred to in RFP Section 272100 1.9.C?

Can you provide expected beneficial occupancy dates for each phase?

A: Beneficial occupancy begins upon RIAC staff’s written acceptance and approval of the following: successful testing, configuration and installation into the operational environment.

11. Are we correct in assuming there is no DBE, MBE, or WBE requirement in this RFP?

A: There is a 0% DBE goal for this IFB. Please see DBE Interim Final Rule (IFR) published by the DOT for more information: <https://www.transportation.gov/mission/civil-rights/disadvantaged-business-enterprise/DBE-IFR-10-03-2025>

12. Is a General Contractor license required for any item in this scope?

A: A general contractors license is not required.

13. Is patching considered a low-voltage job that a certified low-voltage contractor must do?

A: Integrator can conduct this work.

14. During the site visit, there was a discussion about using new cables. Section 270505 1.2.C asks SI to reuse cables. Will the owner provide any new patch cables required? If not, should we account for patch cables? Please provide a percentage of port count as a reference. –

A. Section 270505 Demolition Specification has been updated.

15. Are existing cables Category 6 or 6A?

A: There is a mix of cat 5, cat 6, and cat 6a.



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16. Did RIAC identify any low-voltage Ethernet or fiber cabling needs that need to be included in this project?

A: No, only patching fiber and copper for new switches.

17. Will space be available to store and stage hardware, especially for Phases 2 and 3?

A: Secure Storage for multiple phases is not available. Storage will be made available for one week's worth of progress.

18. Can we ship hardware directly to the airport if needed?

A: Yes, however, the contractor is responsible for receiving and/or escorting the delivery. The airport loading dock may be utilized for the delivery.

19. Is a 25% expansion accounted for in the suggested BOM?

A: There is a future expansion requirement of 10 ports per switch. The current BOM was a one for one replacement. Please refer to Section 272100-6 – D. Future Port Capacity Requirement in the Specification document of the IFB for further details.

20. Can we propose two different OEM solutions? If yes, should these be submitted as two different pricing Options in the same bid?

A: Please refer to the specifications, and SSI-Network Recommendations Report; alternate components will not be accepted due to network uniformity requirements and existing Fortinet ecosystem dependencies.

21. Can we take the larger of the two as the BID Bond amount if we are providing two different OEM solutions?

A: Please see response to Question 20.



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22. The report suggests Fortigate Firewall replacement - but that is not part of this bid, correct?

A: Correct.

23. The report suggests 3 OEMs - Addendum 1 says only Fortinet is approved, can we propose other US-based OEMs?

A: Please see response to Question 20.

24. The addendum has changed and struck all references to Construction. Is a Rhode Island General Contractor License still required?

A: No, it is not.

25. There are differences between the Network Recommendation Report, the Scope of Work, and ADDENDUM NO. 001.

A: The purpose of this recommendation report is to provide the designer's perspective on the planned network architecture to be implemented by the contractor and is not the scope of this IFB.

26. In section 320 of Bid Form Item K and Item L are missing.

A: Item K and L are intentionally omitted. No action is required from bidders.

*******Detailed-Deliverable-Requirements has been removed from the IFB Submittal.**

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On page 00010-2

The follow paragraph in its entirety has been deleted

“The contractor will need to identify all existing connections on switches, coordinate with RIAC IT on final network architecture details, create a transition and implementation plan to setup the new network, and then transition existing systems to the new network. The existing network would be removed, packaged, labeled, and returned to RIAC IT, and all rack cabling will be properly dressed and labeled.”

And replaced with:

“The contractor is responsible for identifying all current switch connections, working with RIAC IT on the network architecture details, and creating a transition and implementation plan for setting up the new network based on business priorities. Next, the contractor will migrate the existing systems to the new network. The old network will be dismantled, packaged, labeled, and returned to RIAC IT, and all rack cabling will be neatly organized and labeled.”

On page 00010-2

In the following paragraph:

Year 1 will consist of all engineering planning for the network architecture. Additionally, it will include procurement and installation of a new core and distribution layer. These switches will be stood up and configured for production based on coordinated network architecture meetings with RIAC LAN. These new switches will run in parallel with the existing network. Additionally, the contractor will procure twenty-five new access layer switches and transition twenty-five existing access layer switches to the new network architecture. This phase will also include the reconfiguration of a new Gateway to the new network. During this phase, the existing core switches will be demoted to distribution layer. ~~if deemed necessary by the contractor.~~

“, if deemed necessary by the contractor.” Has been removed.

RIAC would like to remind all prospective bidders/offerors that additional Addendums may be issued by RIAC until the deadline for bid submissions. As such, RIAC encourages prospective bidders/offerors to visit www.flyri.com/riac/procurement on a frequent basis.

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