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Q: The RFP states that the vendor should "provide additional and/or replacement wiring, patch panels, terminators and/or patch cables as needed…" Could you expand on the extent of cabling work you're thinking of? Will existing patch panels or cabling be replaced as part of the project? Are you looking to have new cable runs put in? Or will the cabling work be limited to adding new patch panels where 24-port switches are being replaced with 48-port?

A: We don't anticipate the need to replace any existing cabling or patch panels. The need for new patch panels and Ethernet cabling for this RFP is when replacing 24-port switches in closets with 48-port switches. The proposer should be able to determine the true need for themselves during the walk-through.

Q: Should we be quoting fiber jumpers?

A: If providing a turn-key solution means that new fiber is needed, then you will need to include that in your proposal as well. We don't expect new fiber to be needed, but the proposer should be able to determine the true need.

Q: The table on pages 4 and 5 list the sites, it is a total of (25) 48 port switches. They mention fiber jumpers, but don't say they want 1GB fiber SFP's. They show us that there are multiple switches at WMMS and RHS but they don't ask for stacking.

A: The switches in closets should be stacked with existing switches and should not need SFP modules. The lab switches should include a stacking module and at least one 1Gbps or faster SFP module with 2 or more SFP ports.

Q: In the RFP, the specifications (1.2,4) state that each switch "must have 2 or more LC SFP's." Can you clarify if this means you would like to have (2) SFP modules included with each switch, or rather that each switch just needs to have at least (2) SFP ports? If the requirement is that each switch have at least (2) SFP ports, can you clarify how many of the switches actually need SFP modules?

A: Each lab switch should have one SFP module with two SFP ports. It is fairly safe to assume that the closet switches don't need SFP modules.

Q: Which switches need stacking modules?

A: Please include stacking modules for all of the switches in your proposal.