



Request for Bids
Central R-III School District
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RFP No: 2026 District Servers Solution
Title: 2026 District Servers Solution
Receiving Date and Time: May 15th, 2026 1:00pm

Central R-III School District is currently accepting bids for the District's centralized servers, virtualization, and backup solution.

The bids will be accepted until **1:00pm, CST, May 15th, 2026**. No bid will be accepted after the official time and date. Bids must address all components of the RFP.

SUBMISSION

Submissions will be accepted by Vendor's choice of one of the following:

US postal service: The envelope shall be marked on its face with the name of the person, firm, or corporation plus "2026 District Servers Solution" and delivered to Central R-3 High School, 116 Rebel Drive, Park Hills, MO 63601 C/O Chris Warden.

Electronic (email): Submissions must be delivered to cwarden@centralr3.org with the Subject: Your Company Name – 2026 District Servers Solution

Fax Submissions must be sent to Chris Warden at 573-431-0700 with the Subject Heading: Your Company Name – 2026 District Servers Solution

All questions and inquiries should be addressed to the contact below via EMAIL ONLY:

Chris Warden
Technology Director
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Central R-3 School District reserves the right to reject any bid which, through bidder error or omission, is found to be mathematically incorrect, otherwise incomplete, or not in compliance with Central R-3 School District bid specifications. The right to reject bids which are incomplete, inaccurate, or not in compliance shall be exercised in the best interest of the Central R-3 School District.

In addition, the Board of Education reserves the right to waive technicalities to select any vendor filing a proposal and to reject any or all bids.

It is the policy of the Central R-3 School District in making purchases to give preference to and encourage the purchase of all commodities manufactured, mined, produced, or grown within the state, and to all firms, corporations, or individuals doing business as Missouri firms, corporations, or individuals, when quality and price are approximately the same (policy 5320).

Vendors are strongly encouraged to carefully read this entire document.

All proposals must be submitted on the basis of the specifications attached. No alternate proposals that significantly deviate or modify the concept and ultimate objectives of this proposal will be considered. Non-compliance with specifications will disqualify proposals from further consideration.

Any explanation or statement that the Vendor wishes to make must be contained with the proposal but shall be written separately and independently of the proposal proper and attached thereto.

Unless the Vendor so indicates, it is understood that the Vendor has proposed in strict accordance with the RFP requirements.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities and minor irregularities in proposals received. The District, in its sole discretion, will determine whether an irregularity is minor.

The District reserves the right to decline any or all proposal submissions, or to cancel the RFP call, in whole or in part, at any time prior to making an award, for any reason, or no reason, without liability being incurred by the District to any Vendor for any expense, cost, loss, or damage incurred or suffered by the Vendor as a result of such withdrawal.

While the District has used considerable efforts to ensure an accurate representation of information in this RFP document, the information contained herein is contained solely as a guideline for proposers. The information is not guaranteed or warranted to be accurate by the District, nor is it necessarily comprehensive or exhaustive. Nothing in this RFP document is intended to relieve proposers from forming their own opinions and conclusions with respect to the matters addressed in the RFP document.

The Vendor is responsible for its own verification of all information provided to it. The Vendor must satisfy itself, upon examination of this RFP, as to the intent of the specifications. After the submission of the proposal, no complaint or claim that there was any misunderstanding will be entertained.

No oral interpretation will be made to any Vendor as to the meaning of the RFP. Any oral communication will be considered unofficial and non-binding on the District. **Questions and inquiries about the RFP should be made in writing by email and submitted to Chris Warden (cwarden@centralr3.org).**

The District may award a contract based upon the initial proposals received without discussion of such proposals. Accordingly, each initial proposal should be submitted with the most favorable price and service standpoint.

To facilitate consideration of the proposals, the District may, at its option, conduct interviews after receipt of the proposal. If this is necessary, the Vendor will be contacted to arrange a time for an interview.

The District reserves the right to hold negotiations in an attempt to clarify and qualify terms of any proposal.

The District reserves the right to negotiate final contract terms with any Vendor, regardless of whether such Vendor was interviewed or submitted a best and final proposal.

The District reserves the right to withdraw the award to a successful Vendor within 30 days of the award if, in the opinion of the District, the successful Vendor is unable or unwilling to enter into a form of contract satisfactory to the District. The District shall be entitled to do so without any liability being incurred by the District to the Vendor.

In the event of a conflict between the proposal and the RFP, the District shall resolve any inconsistency in favor of the RFP. Additionally, the District shall in good faith decide all inconsistencies and/or disputes pertaining to the RFP and the proposal. The Vendor agrees to abide by the decisions of the District. Any ambiguity in the proposal because of omissions, error, lack of clarity or noncompliance by the Vendor with specifications, instructions and all conditions of bidding shall be construed in the favor of the District.

All of the terms and conditions of this RFP are deemed to be accepted by the Vendor and incorporated into the Vendor's proposal submission. The terms and conditions stated in this RFP and the successful Vendor's response to this RFP shall be incorporated into the contract between the District and the successful Vendor.

By submitting a proposal, the Vendor certifies that it is not currently barred or otherwise prohibited from submitting proposals for contracts to any political subdivision or agency of the State of Missouri and it is not an agent of a person or entity that is currently barred or otherwise prohibited from submitting proposals for contracts by any political subdivision or agency of the State of Missouri.

The successful Vendor will be responsible for the safe delivery of all hardware. If deliveries prove to be unsatisfactory, or other problems arise, the District reserves the right to withdraw the award to the successful Vendor.

The District shall reserve the right to return equipment that does not meet the purchase agreement or is unsatisfactory at the cost to the Vendor within thirty (30) days of delivery.

PROJECT SCOPE AND REQUIREMENTS

- Centralized Servers and Virtualization:
 - 3 hosts
 - Each host must meet or exceed the following specifications to support a high-availability Nutanix (or equivalent HCI) environment:
 - **Processor:** Dual (2) Intel Xeon 6 series with a minimum of 24 physical cores per socket and a base clock speed of 2.80GHz (Current Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6226R CPU @ 2.90GHz)
 - **Memory:** 512GB RAM per host - Total cluster memory of 1.5TB (Upgraded from current ~376GB per host - Total cluster memory of ~1.1TB)
 - **Network:** Dual (2) 10Gb SFP+ or 25Gb SFP28 network adapters
 - **Power:** Dual (2) Hot-plug redundant power supplies
 - **Warranty:** 3-year ProSupport Next Business Day On-Site parts and labor warranty
 - **Optional** 5-year ProSupport Next Business Day On-Site parts and labor warranty
 - Storage
 - **Physical Capacity:** Minimum 42TB of Raw Physical Capacity across the cluster. Specify TB in official Bid but TiB equivalent must be listed as well. (Current Physical Capacity - 38.25TiB ~42TB)
 - **Usable Capacity:** Must provide a minimum of 20TB of usable data space after accounting for Hyperconverged overhead (Replication Factor 2 / Mirroring) and a 25% "slack space" buffer for cluster health and rebuilds. (Current Used Physical - 14.49TiB)
 - **Performance:** All-Flash (NVMe/SSD) configuration is preferred. If a hybrid solution is proposed, the flash-tier must be sized to handle 100% of the active "hot" data for 40 VMs (Minimum 12TB Flash Tier).
- Setup of server virtual infrastructure including hardware insertion, BIOS updates and configuration, OS installation, rack insertion, cabling, network configuration, setup and configuration, moving the current 37 VMs from old infrastructure to new, initial training of the centralized servers and virtualization, documentation of

setup, must include all cords, transceiver modules, and/or cabling needed for provided equipment and from servers to District-provided network switch

- Specifications listed are minimum requirements. **Traditional and Hyperconverged infrastructure proposals are both welcomed. Nutanix is preferred.**
- Backup:
 - 1 server/backup solution with Windows Server 2025 (Windows Server 2025 licensing will be provided by the District.) with preferred Veeam Backup and Replication software, Intel processor, storage that will allow backup and restore of 40TB of data with growth potential, 64gb RAM, 2 power supplies, 2 network adapters, 3 year parts and labor warranty
 - **Optional** 5-year parts and labor warranty
 - Setup of Veeam Backup and Replication software or equivalent backup solution that will allow for backup and restore of all VMs and include hardware, software, licensing, and installation.
 - Currently the District has license for Veeam Backup and Replication until May 25, 2027
 - **Optional** 3 year extended license
 - Specifications listed are minimum requirements.
- Dual-Site Relocation and Decommissioning:
 - Primary Site: Installation of new 3-node cluster at the District Data Center located at the High School.
 - Secondary Site - **Optional**: Once the new cluster is operational and VMs are migrated, the Vendor shall decommission the existing legacy Nutanix hardware from the Primary Site and relocate/reinstall it at the Middle School. The District may consider doing this work without the use of the Vendor. The goal is the configuration of the relocated legacy Nutanix hardware at the MS location as a dedicated Disaster Recovery and Backup target.
 - Currently the District has a license for Acropolis Pro
 - (Capacity Type - CORES - 48 quantity) until 15 Dec, 2026
 - (Capacity Type - FLASH - 10.47 quantity) until 15 Dec, 2026
 - **Optional** 3 year license renewal for Acropolis Pro in order for the District to support the legacy Nutanix hardware at the Middle School.