



**Q&A ADDENDUM
ARE-ON Leased Data Circuits
RFP R613793**

This document provides question and answer information pertaining to this RFP and will be updated as necessary.

Posted September 1, 2016

Question: We would like to request a 1-week extension due to pending holiday coupled with short lead time on IFB.

Answer: *Due date is extended to 9/20/16 @ 2:30 PM CDT.*

Posted September 6, 2016

Question: There appears to be a conflict in the T&C's. You provided 2 documents. One of the documents allows submission of a sample contract from the vendor and the other request a no acceptance submittal. Can we please get clarification on this item?

Answer: *Please provide your sample contract within your proposal. However, understand that contract negotiation is intended with the successful bidder upon intent to award and there are stipulations which UofA / ARE-ON cannot agree to. Refer to article 10 of the RFP document – as well as other applicable articles.*

Posted September 9, 2016

Question: IFB requirement 2.8 states “All circuits shall support transmission of Ethernet jumbo frames up to 9,100 bytes in size.” Is 9,000 bytes acceptable?

Answer: *AREON will accept jumbo frame support with a minimum of a 9000-byte MTU. AREON's engineers will work with the vendor's engineers to ensure that the MTU settings are properly defined to match the vendor's equipment.*

Question: Section 2.2 of the IFB states: “Each circuit shall provide a Virtual Private LAN Service (VPLS) through a Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) network with Layer 2 Ethernet connectivity between the endpoints.”

Section 2.4 of the IFB states: “Each circuit shall be provisioned as a logical Layer 2 Virtual Private Network (L2VPN) point-to-point connection between each of the college locations and any of the ARE-ON points of presence (POPs) as specified in Section 2.1.5”

If offering a pseudowire, Layer 2, point to point, Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS) Virtual Lan Service (VLS) – would this be acceptable?

Answer: *AREON is seeking a point to point, Layer 2, Virtual LAN Service for each of the four colleges listed in Sections 2.1.1 through 2.1.4. Each college will have its own circuit to an AREON POP. The endpoints for each circuit are the college on one end and any one of the three named AREON POPs as specified in Section 2.1.5 on the other end. It is not a requirement that the circuits all terminate at the same AREON POP. As we understand it, the MPLS VLS service in question will meet this requirement.*

Posted September 12, 2016

Question: Can other ARE-ON locations not listed in this RFP be included and be able to purchase off of the awarded contract with the same RFP requirements?

Answer: In addition to the three Z-Endpoints listed in Section 2.1.5, ARE-ON will accept the following four additional locations where the ARE-ON end of a circuit may terminate:

ARE-ON ALMA Hut, 6803 Alma Hwy, Van Buren, AR 72956 (GPS: 35.470931,-94.260180)

ARE-ON FYVL Hut, 722 W. Discovery Way, Fayetteville, AR 72701 (GPS: 36.043059,-94.171471 – on the property of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville)

ARE-ON MNTI Hut, 112 Service Street, Monticello, AR 71656 (GPS: 33.592387,-91.812772 - on the property of the University of Arkansas at Monticello)

ARE-ON JNBO POP, Arkansas State University, IT Services Building, 2713 Pawnee St, Jonesboro, AR 72401 (GPS: 35.837411,-90.670189)