



**Responses to Questions Regarding RFP for
Networking Services No. 2021-0601
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Below are Questions received, and responses, regarding the RFP for Networking Services. The original document can be found on Tri-City's website at www.tricitymhs.org.

No.	Question	Answer
1	Are diverse carriers required?	Not required, but we would prefer diverse carriers where possible. Please feel free to submit multiple options, as we understand pricing can vary greatly.
2	For back up circuits, is coax possible, or only symmetrical fiber, if coax, would the listed bandwidth be the minimum upload	Fiber is preferred, but please feel free to submit coax pricing as well. The bandwidth would be minimum upload.
3	What differentiates SD WAN vs. Managed SD WAN?	SD-WAN for our purposes implies the technology only; Managed SD-WAN would be more similar to a service managed and configured by the vendor, for which we also have access to any management consoles.
4	How many devices connect through the firewall per site?	Please estimate 220 across all sites
5	What is your intention with your existing infrastructure?	No current plans – please make a recommendation if you have thoughts around this.
6	Are you looking for a network based cloud firewall solution?	Yes
7	What differentiates Enterprise vs. Managed Enterprise cloud-based firewall?	Similar to the Managed SD-WAN, Managed refers to assistance from the vendor with configurations and backstopping.
8	What functionality is expected from cloud-based firewall?	At this time, access policy, connection management (VPN), and filtering between clients and the cloud. This also extends to encrypted content.
9	Will all the location ingress/egress through the cloud-based firewall or will each location access internet locally?	Please make your recommendation in the proposal.