

ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1830 S. NOGALES STREET  
ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA 91748



## **ADDENDUM 1**

### **CYBERSECURITY PILOT PROGRAM – NEXT GENERATION FIREWALL**

**RATE FUNDING YR (3 Years)**

**RFQ/RFP # 2025/26: (E2)**

JUNE 17, 2025

TO ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

Note: *The following Addendum shall become part of the contract documents, and the bidder shall provide for all work as required by this Addendum. Acknowledge receipt of the Addendum on the Bid Proposal Form.*

#### **Specifications/Clarifications:**

##### **Clarification on RFP Scope – RUSD Cybersecurity Pilot NGFW RFP #2025/26 (E2)**

The District currently operates two Fortinet FortiGate 3401E appliances—one at the District Office (DO) and another at Nogales High School (NHS)—which serve as perimeter firewalls for the enterprise network. This RFP does not request new firewall hardware or a redesign of the security architecture. Instead, RUSD seeks a three-year Unified Threat Protection (UTP) support subscription (or equivalent) with advanced replacement services for our existing FortiGate 3401E firewalls. (Reference: Fortinet SKU FC-10-F34E1-950-02-36, or equivalent as described in Exhibit A). This should include FortiCare Premium (or equivalent), IPS, advanced malware protection, application control, URL, DNS, video filtering, and related security services listed under the FCC Cybersecurity Pilot Program's Eligible Services List.

##### **Responses to Your Questions**

###### **1. Are we looking for any security features outside of IDS and IPS?**

**Answer: Yes. In addition to IDS/IPS, the UTP bundle (or equivalent) should include: Application control, Antivirus/malware protection, DNS and URL filtering, and Advanced threat protection/sandboxing.**

###### **2. What is the sustained throughput requirement?**

**Answer: As this is for existing FortiGate 3401E hardware, throughput is predetermined. No sizing for new appliances is required.**

###### **3. What is the expectation of growth for the next 3 years?**

**Answer: The current hardware is expected to remain in service for the duration of the contract. Support services should accommodate firmware updates, service scaling, and future; licensing options, but we do not anticipate a hardware upgrade within this period.**

###### **4. Do we need any optics or professional services?**

**Answer: No optics or on-site installation services are required. However, vendors must include support, licensing, and advanced hardware replacement per the RFP requirements.**

###### **5. Do we need a second firewall for high availability (HA) / load sharing?**

**Answer: No. Both FortiGate 3401E appliances are already in production and configured. We are seeking support and service coverage for both existing units.**

Responses to RFI's will be provided via addenda posted on the district's website at [www.rowlandschools.org](http://www.rowlandschools.org)

The vendor must check the district's website for any addenda before submitting their proposal.

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