



THE UNIVERSITY of TEXAS SYSTEM
SUPPLY CHAIN ALLIANCE

Request for Proposal

By

The University of Texas System on behalf of The University of Texas Supply Chain Alliance

For

**Network Routers, Ethernet Switches, and related
Maintenance and Support Services
To Networking Infrastructures**

RFP No. UTS/A7

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The University of Texas System Supply Chain Alliance (the "Alliance") was created to expand the use of joint purchasing and explore new opportunities to leverage the collective size and strength of our campuses through cooperative purchasing agreements. The mission of the Alliance is to provide

reliable, sustainable solutions for the purchase and delivery of equipment, services, and supplies to support the core missions of education, patient care, and research at the University of Texas System. ("UT System")

The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center ("M.D. Anderson") was chosen by UT System to host the Alliance's Strategic Sourcing Team. This team of supply chain professionals is exclusively dedicated to accomplishing the goals and objectives of UT System.

The Alliance has chosen to utilize an electronic RFP process to collect cost, performance data, and general requirements. With this process, your company will be able to review and respond to our RFP, including specifications, terms and conditions, and other pertinent documents on one centralized web portal.

To participate in this sourcing event and respond to this RFP, the Alliance requires ALL suppliers, regardless of current business relationship, to complete an online registration on Ariba/Procuri registration site. This will allow the collection of general information about your company. Visit the website at www.mdanderson.org/suppliers, click on the Supplier Registration button in the middle of the page and complete your company registration.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

1.1 Description of the University of Texas System

The University of Texas System is comprised of 15 institutions of higher education with institutions across the State of Texas whose missions are devoted to world class healthcare, teaching, research, and public service (collectively, "UT System"). UT System currently has six health institutions and nine academic facilities making it one of the largest education systems in the United States. With an operating budget of over \$11 billion dollars, UT System has a current student enrollment exceeding 190,000. UT System employs approximately 80,000 faculty and staff, making UT System one of the largest employers in the State of Texas.

The UT System is comprised of the following institutions:

- The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB)
- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas (UTSW)
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler (UTHSCT)
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSCH)
- The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA)
- The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (UTMDACC)
- The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)
- The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington)
- The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA)
- The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)
- The University of Texas ♦ Pan American (UTPA)
- The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB)
- The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)
- The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB)
- The University of Texas at Tyler (UTTY)
- The University of Texas System Administration

The University of Texas System has established The University of Texas System Supply Chain Alliance (the "Alliance") to conduct and coordinate strategic purchasing initiatives across UT System health institutions: UTMB, UTSWMC, UTHSCT, UTHSCH, UTHSCSA, and UTMDACC and are members of

the Alliance. Through a collaborative relationship among the six health institutions, the Alliance seeks to combine the supply chain and contracting activities and efforts to obtain best value goods, services, and equipment, while reducing total acquisition costs. The Alliance has created a team of supply chain professionals (the "Strategic Sourcing Team") that has been tasked with executing these purchasing initiatives across UT System. By participating in this Request for Proposal ("RFP"), the Proposer(s) agrees to extend all goods, services and pricing to any University of Texas institution or affiliate ("Institutional Participant") that wishes to participate in any final contract formed with Proposer(s).

1.2 Objective of this RFP

The Alliance on behalf of UT System is soliciting proposals in response to this RFP for selection of a Proposer to provide the most practical and cost effective business model to service the needs for Network Routers, Ethernet Switches, and related Maintenance and Support Services (collectively, "Networking Devices"). The Networking Devices requirements are specifically described in Section 5 of this RFP. (see note below)

The resulting Agreement from this RFP will be extended and marketed to all of UT System institutions.

The successful Proposer(s) will be referred to and designated as "Preferred Supplier." The goal of UT System is to work through the Alliance to team with one or more Preferred Suppliers and develop a relationship that will produce a win-win for all parties. UT System hopes to work through the Alliance with the Preferred Supplier(s) to establish practical business processes and procedures that will foster a strong working relationship.

NOTE:

This RFP Summary is for review purposes only. Proposals will not be accepted if not submitted through the online Ariba/Procuri Sourcing tool. With this process, you will be able to respond to the RFP, including specifications, terms and conditions, and other pertinent documents within one centralized web portal. This RFP will be available for review on Procuri on March 13, 2009.

It is important to keep in mind that registration through the Ariba/Procuri site is the first step in doing business with the UT System and the Alliance. Additional important steps are still required from you. Please click on this link to view the Registration Instruction carefully on how to add M.D. Anderson as your Buyer Company after registration is completed. Once you have successfully added M.D. Anderson as your Buyer Company, your request will be reviewed and approved. Once you have been approved, you will be invited to participate in this sourcing event.

Only one registration per company is required at this time. If you have previously registered at the M.D. Anderson web portal, no further registration is required. During the RFP process, the person that registers your company will be responsible for granting access to other individuals within your organization.

If you have any questions related to this RFP, please contact Miguel F. Machado at 713-792-0210 or by e-mail at mfmachad@mdanderson.org.