

Falmouth Exeter Plus (FXP)

 Market Testing Document for provision of Firewall Supply and Services.

Ref: 1736FXPlus

Closing date Expressions of Interest : Monday 05th July 2021 at 5.00pm

 **Market Test Document**

The purpose of this document is to establish whether there are suitable parties available to support in providing the services as set out in this document. We wish to test the market to ensure we are sourcing a suitable delivery partner using a fair, open, and transparent method. The information received from this market testing survey will determine our next steps in regard to a procurement strategy.

**About Falmouth Exeter Plus**

Falmouth Exeter Plus manages and delivers services at Falmouth, Penryn, and Truro Campuses on behalf of Falmouth University and the University of Exeter.
Working with The Students’ Union and the wider, universities partnership, we support Higher Education learning and living and ensure that the interests of all campus users are at the heart of everything we do. Our purpose is to help both achieve their global ambitions and to support them in providing their students with a life-changing university experience.

 **The Specification in Brief**

Falmouth Exeter Plus are looking for a qualified partner to supply 2(two) x FortiGate firewalls (design to be agreed) along with associated professional service time to work on the high- and low-level design and then implement the final agreed solution.

The agreed solution needs to re-use 2(two) existing FortiGate firewalls which are still in support so experience in multi firewall solutions is essential.

Due to the critical information in this solution, we are not supplying our suggested design and current specification in this open forum so would invite bidders to express an interest in this project. Suitable bidders will then be requested to sign under NDA to receive the full tender documentation.

Timetable

Set out below is the proposed timetable.

| Activity | **Date** |
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| Release of Market Test Document  | Monday 21st June 2021 |
| Clarification Request Deadline  | Friday 02nd July 2021 at 12.00pm |
| Deadline for Return of Market Test Document | Monday 05th July 2021 at 5.00pm. |

| Activity | **Date** |
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| Expressions of Interests Reviewed | W/C 05th July 2021  |
| NDA issued to shortlisted bidders | Friday 09th July 2021 |
| NDA completed and returned | Monday 12TH July 2021 |

 **Expressions of interest.**

The supplier must have extensive knowledge of higher education and evidence of a large-scale project with a University in the last 3 years.

Any interested parties who can provide all of the criteria as set out above should reply with an expression of interest, by the deadlines as stated in the timetable.

This should include a brief overview of your company (including contact details) and any relevant experiences and accreditations that would support in delivering this project.

All correspondence and expressions of interest should be directed via our procurement e-mail address ITProcurement@fxplus.ac.uk with 1736FXPLUS clearly referenced in the subject heading.

