
BCS Technology Department

Bid FY 2025/2026-001 Specifications



Email Cybersecurity

The Boaz City Schools will receive sealed bids for **Bid FY 2025/2026-001 Email Cybersecurity** as described below. This bid document and any addendums will be available at <https://www.boazk12.org/departments/finance/bids> until bidding is closed.

All proposals must be in sealed envelopes and shall be in the hands of Aaron New, Technology Coordinator, no later than **9:59 AM on April 11, 2025**. The bid opening will be held at **10:00 AM (Central Standard Time) on April 11**, at the Boaz City Board of Education, 126 Newt Parker Dr., Boaz, AL 35957.

Bidders should schedule a demonstration of the proposed solution on or before **April 4, 2025**. Both the demonstration and its assessment will factor into the final evaluation of the bid. BCS reserves the right to waive a demonstration that is a duplicate of a previously demonstrated product. In the case of a waived demonstration, the vendor will receive the same score as the first demonstration. Vendors may demo and bid multiple products.

Sealed bids may be mailed to Boaz City Board of Education, ATTN: Aaron New, 126 Newt Parker Dr., Boaz, AL 35957, or delivered in person to the same address. Bids must be clearly marked **Bid FY 2025/2026-001 Email Cybersecurity** on the outside of the packaging. Failure to correctly mark bids may disqualify a vendor from consideration.

No oral, electronic, telegraphic or telephone proposals or modifications will be accepted. The bidder, before submitting a proposal, shall carefully examine the specifications to be fully informed as to all conditions and limitations.

All items delivered shall be free from defects in materials and workmanship. Any and all items found to be defective or failing to meet specifications shall be deemed unacceptable, removed from the premises and replaced by the equipment manufacturer at no cost to the owner.

Completion of this project is contingent upon bid approval by the BCS Board of Education, funding approval under the e-Rate Cybersecurity Pilot Program, and availability of matching funds. The vendor must be registered with USAC; Familiarity with E-Rate filing experience is preferred. The vendor agrees to assist with the E-Rate filing process and any subsequent PIA reviews or audits as necessary. All prices

BCS Technology Department

Bid FY 2025/2026-001 Specifications



quoted as part of this bid response must remain valid through the course of the project. A detailed bill of materials for the entire project should be included.

BCS reserves the right to implement the proposal in its entirety or in part based on funding and the best interests of BCS. Bids may be rejected by BCS at any time prior to the expiration of this period. The owner reserves the right to reject any/or all bids as may be deemed best for his interest and reserves the right to award the contract or contracts to other than the low bidder if in the interest of the ultimate economy and standardization to do so.

All bids received shall guarantee items bid to meet or exceed specifications listed.

Items furnished as a result of this bid shall be delivered prices to purchaser and must meet or exceed the specifications indicated on the quotation sheet. Items not conforming to specifications may be rejected and returned at the vendor's expense.

Items not delivered in accordance with the specifications general and/or special conditions of this bid concerning quantity and quality, etc., may be purchased on the open market and any increase of cost over the bid price shall be charged to the vendor.

All materials, equipment, etc., shall be new and of kind specified, and shall be in undamaged condition when turned over to the owner. Vendor shall be responsible for making any claims for items received damaged in shipment.

All prices submitted on this proposal are to be delivered prices and shall not include any additional expenses, state or local taxes.

Reference to brand name, manufacturer's suppliers, catalog numbers, etc., is intended to set quality standards and does not exclude bids from others as long as quality standards are met. It is the owner's intent not to accept a lesser quality than is set forth in these specifications. Manufacturer's specifications shall prevail as if written in full detail.

Quantities given herein are believed to be correct, but the right to alter or vary these quantities or the right to purchase additional materials above the stated herein at the bid price is reserved.

BCS Technology Department

Bid FY 2025/2026-001 Specifications



To schedule a demonstration, or for questions concerning this proposal should be directed to:

Aaron New
Boaz City Schools
anew@boazk12.org (preferred)
256-593-7144

Specifications

The intention of this project is to add and email security filter to the districts existing email system. Single sign on and integrations with the district's existing security and training products is highly desired. In the interest of security, details of the existing systems will be shared with prospective bidders when they schedule their demo.

Pricing should include all expenses, labor, parts and materials to complete the project.

Any installation must be coordinated through the BCS Technology Department and must not interrupt the regular operation of the district.

BCS is requesting a **3-year license** of any solution for all of its faculty, staff, and students. The License term may be adjusted based on available funding.

Quantities for licensing

- Faculty/Staff: 400
- Students: 2600

Desired Features

The list below is not a comprehensive list.

- **Spam filtering:** Filters to identify and block unwanted bulk emails.
- **Malware detection:** Advanced scanning capabilities to identify and block malicious attachments and links in emails.
- **Phishing protection:** Detection of suspicious emails with malicious links or content designed to trick users.

BCS Technology Department

Bid FY 2025/2026-001 Specifications



- **Content filtering:** Ability to filter emails based on specific keywords, attachments types, or content to prevent sensitive information leaks.
- **Anti-virus scanning:** Checking incoming emails and attachments for known viruses and malware.
- **Threat intelligence:** Access to real-time threat information to identify emerging threats.
- **Outbound content control:** Monitoring and filtering outgoing emails to prevent data leaks.
- **Multi-factor authentication:** Adding an extra layer of security to user logins or the ability to SSO to other MFA directories.
- **Incident response capabilities:** Tools to investigate and respond to potential security incidents.
- **User Quarantines/Reports:** Reports and/or user quarantines for intercepted message.
- **URL scanning:** Real-time scanning and rewriting of URLs to identify and block phishing attempts.
- **Sandboxing:** Sandboxing involves executing suspicious email attachments or links in a controlled, isolated environment to observe their behavior.
- **White/Blacklisting:** Ability to globally white or blacklist email addresses, domains, or servers.
- **Geofencing:** Ability to limit user logons by geolocation, and/or block messages based on geolocation.

Evaluation

Submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria.

Criteria	Weight
Price of the total project	40%
Demonstration assessment	30%
Demonstration completed	5%
Prior experience with vendor	10%
Integration with email system	10%
Integration with existing security	5%
Total	100%

BCS Technology Department

Bid FY 2025/2026-001 Response



Email Cybersecurity

The Boaz City Schools will receive sealed bids for **Bid FY 2025/2026-001 Email Cybersecurity**.

All proposals must be in sealed envelopes and shall be in the hands of Aaron New, Technology Coordinator, no later than **9:59 a.m. on April 11, 2022**. The bid opening will be held at **10:00 a.m. (Central Standard Time) on April 11, 2022**, at the Boaz City Board of Education, 126 Newt Parker Dr., Boaz, AL 35957. No late submissions will be accepted.

Vendor Name: _____

e-Rate SPIN: _____

Contact Information: _____

Pricing

Expense	Price
Email Cybersecurity System	

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____