

RFP - Network as a Service (NaaS) (2023)

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Overview

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to invite prospective vendors to submit proposals to provide a Network As A Service (NaaS) to Edge Members and Participants.

NaaS is an important step in the evolution of IT and networking infrastructure because it allows enterprises to:

- **Reduces costs:** Businesses can match expenses with consumption and not pay for unused excess capacity.
- **Flexibility:** Businesses can expand capacity as demand increases.
- **Simplified upgrades:** Enables the regular distribution of new fixes, capabilities, and features.
- **Promotes efficiencies:** Automates numerous operations, including onboarding new users, and offers synchronization and customization for optimal efficiency. This may reduce the time and resources spent on these activities.
- **Supports employees anywhere:** Today's employees may demand network connectivity from anywhere, including their offices and homes, and on any device. NaaS can offer global coverage, low-latency connections facilitated by a global point-of-presence core network, and minimal packet loss.
- **Improves security:** Provides tighter synergies between the network and network security when there is a need for on-premise as well as cloud-based protection which can be supplied in a single package.
- **Visibility:** Buyers are provided the opportunity to view network performance via NaaS tools including analytics to view performance over time.
- **Scalability:** Inherently, NaaS is more scalable when compared to conventional hardware-based networks. Users of NaaS services simply purchase extra capacity rather than acquiring, installing, configuring, securing, and operating new equipment.

The goal of this RFP is to provide Edge Members and Participants with NaaS services that allow these institutions to focus on cultivating and promoting capabilities and skills that have a focus on long-term goals that impact each institution and its customers.

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