

**State of Iowa – Judicial Branch**

**Request for Quote – Project ID #: 012008VMS & 0012008VMB– Questions & Answers – Part 4  
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**Due Date For Vendor Quotes:** Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008 by 15:30 Central time  
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**Questions submitted by vendor**

Question 1: Are these going to be 2 different solution/sites for the servers/blade configuration:

Answer 1: Either Blades or stand-alone servers will be chosen for this Virtualization project. Whichever solution is chosen, it will be split between two sites. (If Blade solution chosen, one chassis at primary data center, one at backup site, if Stand-alone chosen, two servers at each site.) Other hardware (tape library, SAN) is duplicated at each site. The decision will be made after the RFQ process has been completed.

Question 2: What is your preference on FC switch vendors Brocade or Cisco:

Answer 2: We are vendor neutral, so long as the equipment will work in a mixed VMware/Windows Server/Red Hat Enterprise Linux environment.

Question 3: What would be your preference on HBA vendors Qlogic or Emulex:

Answer 3: We are vendor neutral, so long as the equipment will work in a mixed VMware/Windows Server/Red Hat Enterprise Linux environment.

Question 4: The quote states existing (One Tape 16 slot library) who is the manufacturer:

Answer 4: Gateway rebranded Quantum Superloader 3 LTO3. Single Drive, Dual 8 slot magazines.

Question 5: What is your existing tape backup software, since you want to use an agentless backup for the VM's we need to make sure we have compatibility between the software for the library and the software for the VM backup:

Answer 5: Current tape backup software is Symantec Backup Exec, however, it does not provide the agentless backup of VMs that we require, hence the request for a new backup software solution that does.

Question 6: From existing questions the SAN type mentioned was a Gateway E-842-R and I cant find that on the VMware 3.x storage compatibility lists, is this manufactured or an OEM from another vendor and if so what is that box name/type:

Answer 6: Gateway rebranded the Xyratex F5412E as the E-842R. This SAN does appear on the VMware VI3.5 HCL.