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# AFWay User's Guide for NC-2 Network Operations and Infrastructure Solutions



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# AFWay Customer Ordering Instructions for Network Operations and Infrastructure Operations (NetOps)

### Customer and Contracting Officer (CO) Instructions for NetOps

(AFWay can be found at: https://www.afway.af.mil/)

### Important Considerations.

- Although the term Request for Quote (RFQ) is indicative of products requirements for a
  delivery order and the term Request for Proposal (RFP) is indicative of services
  requirements for a Task Order (TO), these two terms will be synonymous in this
  document. All references to the term RFQ will designate any customer solicitation
  from vendors for solutions to requirements, whether it involves products or
  services.
- Customers who wish to solicit a Request for Information (RFI) from services vendors will
  use the same process to gather this information as they would for a RFQ with "RFI-" at
  the beginning of the title.
- If your NetOps RFQ requires Information Technology (IT) software/hardware
  procurement, vendors are responsible to include these estimates as part of their
  response to the RFQ. A minimum of two of these estimates must be provided with the
  response to the customer RFQ.
- If only using AFWay for NetOps Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract, you may expedite your acquisition by using "NC2S" as your ECAN. Keep in mind, if an ECAN is changed and there are open RFQs or Orders already in a workflow, they will now be attached to the new ECAN's workflow which may cause issues in your approval process.
- Vendors will be registered with accounts in AFWay by the time ordering is available for the respective NetCents-2 NetOps IDIQ contracts.
- No Government Purchase Card (GPC) acquisitions are allowed on the NetOps IDIQ contract.
- AFWay is an unclassified system. There will be no classified information processed via AFWay. Classified TOs will follow a unique process entirely outside of AFWay at the advisement of the NetCents-2 Program Management Office (PMO) and decentralized customer organization.



### 1. AFWay Registration for New Users

a. To register as a new customer to AFWay, navigate to <a href="https://www.afway.af.mil/">https://www.afway.af.mil/</a> using your web browser and select the "Registration" link at the top right of the AFWay Home Page.

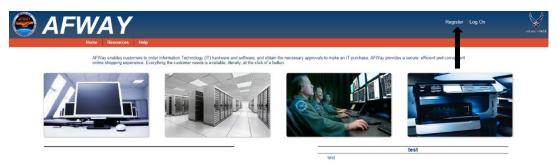


Figure 1 - AFWay Home Page



Figure 2 - AFWay Registration Page

b. Fill in all of the required fields, identified with an asterisk. NOTE, the "Agency" field determines the approval process for RFQs. Depending on the menu selection, the user will be required to complete one of the following two steps to successfully complete registration.

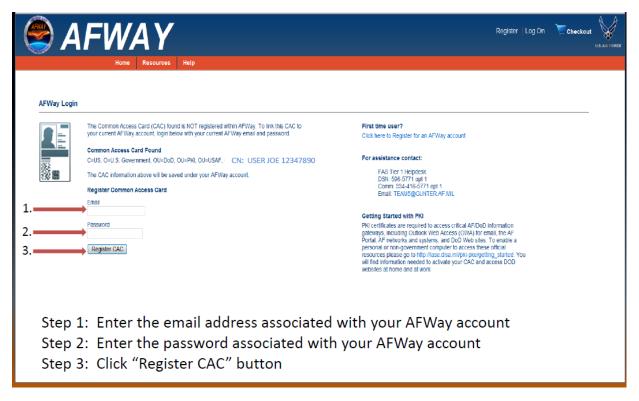


- If the "Agency" field is "DEPT OF DEFENSE AIR FORCE," four additional required fields will appear: MAJCOM, BASE, Direct reporting Activity (DRA) and ECAN. THE DRA AND ECAN FIELDS ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT to the success of a Customer's RFQ reaching the CO for approval and distribution to the NetCents-2 NetOps vendors.
  - MAJCOM Enter your MAJCOM
  - BASE Enter your Base
  - ECAN Use your original ECAN at your base or "NC2S" if only using AFWay for NETCENTS-2 NetOps IDIQ
  - DRA This field determines the person who will fulfill the Base Equipment Custodian Officer (BECO) role in the approval chain. The BECO will then assign the respective CO. For help finding the correct DRA, select the "Help finding your DRA" link to the right of the DRA field. A page showing "DRA's By Base" will appear. DRA's are listed according to the base in alphabetical order. If the base has more than one DRA, check for the respective MAJCOM and Organization, or verify with your BECO for the correct DRA.
- 2. If the "Agency" field is populated with any other menu selection, no additional fields will appear. Users should not call the Field Assistance Service (FAS) for your "Check Out" button as permission will be granted by your Equipment Custodian (EC). After registration is complete, the Customer will need to contact the AFWay phone at (334) 416-5771, Opt 1, 5, 5 and send an e-mail to fas.team5@us.af.mil to finish account configuration and have the ability to generate RFQs to vendors. This is available to active duty and federal employees only.
- c. Once all of the applicable fields have been completed, click on the "Register on AFWay" button to complete the registration process. If there are any errors, a new page will be displayed indicating any registration errors. Click on the "Return to Registration" button, correct any errors, and then click on the "Register on AFWay" button.
- d. After successful registration, you will be directed to a Welcome screen to register your Common Access Card (CAC).

### 2. Logging into AFWay

- a. To log in to AFWay, navigate to <a href="https://www.afway.af.mil/">https://www.afway.af.mil/</a> using your web browser.
- b. Click on the "Log In" link under the Home Page heading on the right.





### Figure 3 – User CAC Registration Page

c. Enter your E-mail Address associated with your legacy AFWay account. Enter the password associated with your legacy AFWay account.

NOTE: If an incorrect Password is entered 3 times, the account will be locked. Contact the FAS, DSN 596-5771, opt 1, then opt 5 and a new one-time temporary password will be automatically generated and sent via e-mail. After a successful login to the system, you will be required to change the password.

### 3. Verify Account

- a. Upon successfully logging into AFWay, your User Profile page will be displayed.
- b. Click on the "View/Edit Your Account Information" link under the "My Account" menu.
- c. Verify your account information.





Figure 4 - My Account Menu

d. Verify the information is correct. If any changes are made, click the Update button.

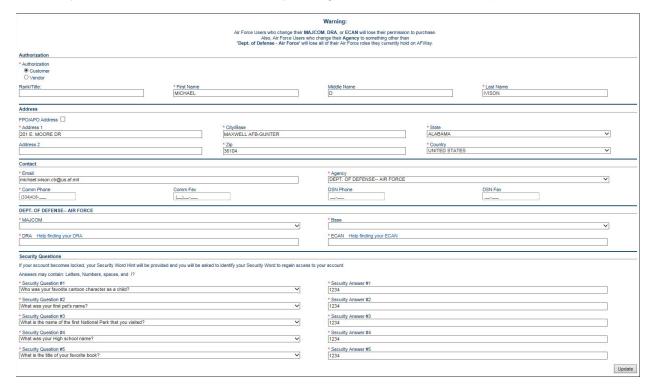
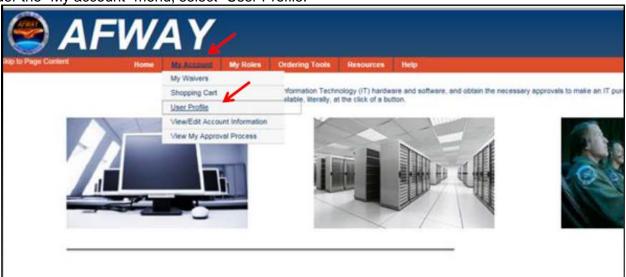


Figure 5 - View/Edit Account Information Page



e. The "User Profile" page is where you can view submitted or pending RFQs and orders. Under the "My account" menu, select "User Profile."



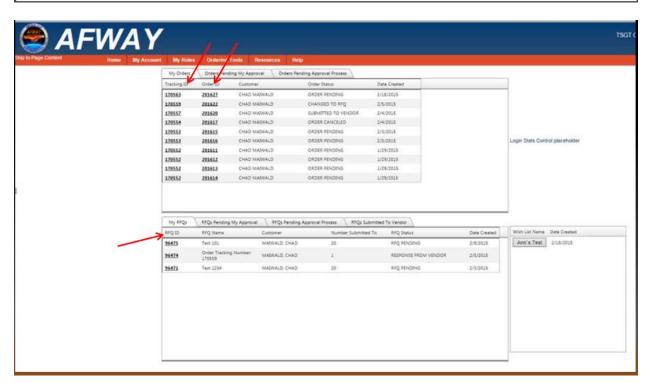


Figure 6 - User Profile Page

# 4. Submitting a Request for Quote (RFQ) Using AFWay

a. After you've successfully logged into AFWay, click the Ordering Tools link at the top of the page. Click the "Submit RFQ" from the drop down.

NOTE: If an error occurs stating that you do not have permission to purchase, contact the FAS, DSN 596-5771, opt 1, then 5 for AFWay assistance.

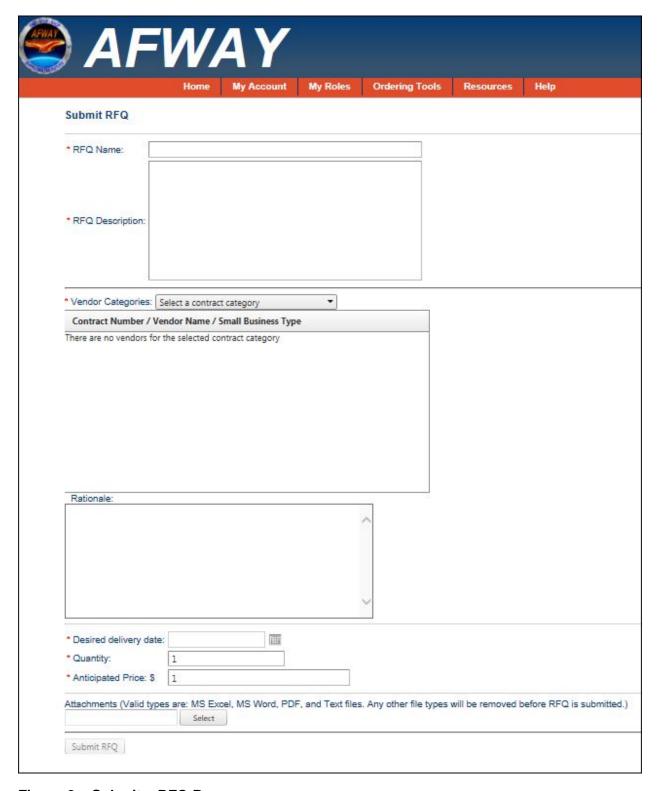




Figure 7 - Submit RFQ Selection

b. Upon clicking the link, the RFQ page is displayed to the User. The RFQ page allows the User to specify and include all information required for a RFQ. Follow the instructions below for completing each section of the RFQ page:





## Figure 8 - Submit a RFQ Page

- RFQ Name: Create a unique NetOps RFQ name.
- **Description**: Add a brief description of your requirement and/or attach a document.



 Vendor Categories: Select either 'NETCENTS-2 NetOps SB' or 'NETCENTS-2 NetOps Full & Open.'

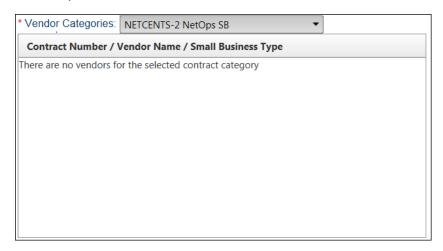


Figure 9 – Vendor Categories

- AFWay Vendors: By selecting either 'NETCENTS-2 NetOps SB' or
   'NETCENTS-2 NetOps Full & Open,' the applicable set of vendors will be
   populated in the window below Vendor Categories. All NC-2 vendors must have
   an opportunity for fair competition based on Federal Acquisition Regulation
   (FAR) unless a Fair Opportunity Exception (FOE) has been approved by the CO.
- **Rationale:** Enter information you want those in your approval chain to see. Vendors cannot view this information.
- **Description:** Enter a general description of the overall RFQ requirement.
- **Desired Delivery Date**: Enter the desired product(s) delivery date.
- Quantity Requested: Enter at least 1. Do not leave at the number 0. The
  total quantity will be reflected in the attached Statement of Objective/Technical
  Requirements Package (SOO/TRP).
- Anticipated Price: Should equal your Independent Government Estimate (IGE) dollar amount. Note: This information is not sent or visible to the vendor.
- Attachments: Click the Select button to add attachments. You can have 10 attachments, with no more than 12MB total per RFQ. One attachment can be 5MB but total attachments cannot exceed 12MB. They can be Word, Excel, Text, PDF and/or PowerPoint. Ensure your file attachment names are meaningful to users. If your attachments are more than 12MB, use the AMRDEC SAFE ACCESS FILE EXCHANGE (SAFE) website to post large amounts of documentation. Directions for the use of SAFE can be found in the NetOps User's Guide.



- c. Click on the "Submit" RFQ button to create the RFQ.
- d. A dialog will prompt you if you want to submit the RFQ.

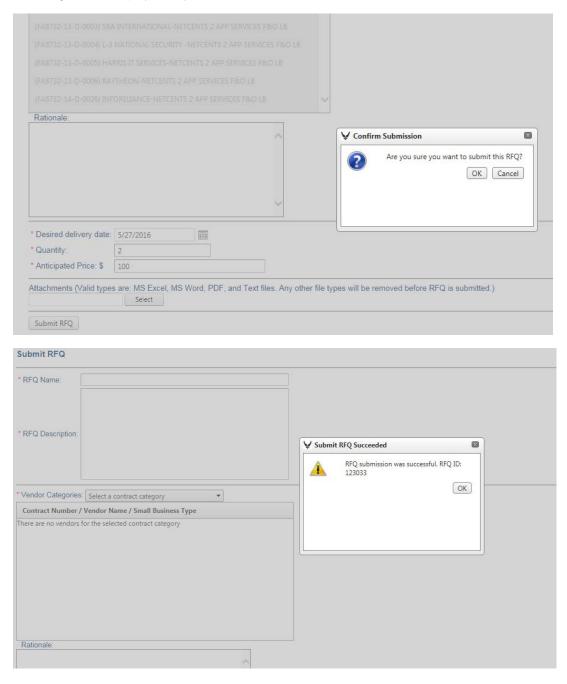


Figure 10 – Submit RFQ Prompt

e. Returning to the User Profile page will show your successful RFQ submission.



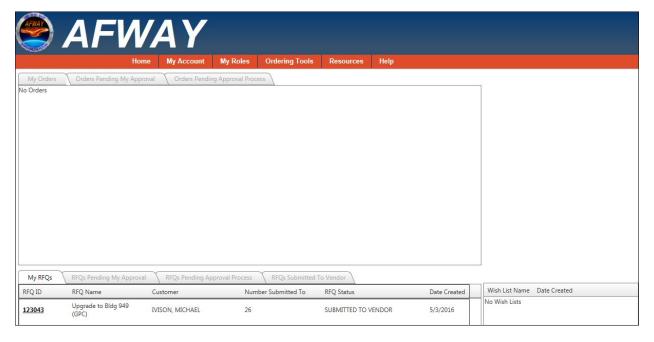


Figure 11 – User Profile Page

### 5. AFWay Approval Process

\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EMAIL NOTICATION SYSTEM IN AFWAY HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN. We advise that you check your AFWay RFQ status on a regular basis to ensure that the RFQ is moving along at a timely rate.

a. Once a RFQ is created and submitted by an Air Force or DoD customer, it will go through the Approval Process for their assigned DRA and ECAN. At each step, an email notification is sent to the approver and the customer.

**NOTE**: RFQs created and submitted by non-Air Force customers will go directly to the vendors for responses.

- b. The RFQ will go through the following steps in the Approval Process based on the ECAN code you used in the Verify Account Information, Para 2, of this document:
  - EC
  - Base Reviewer
  - BECO
  - Approval Official (AO)
  - Resource Advisor (RA)
  - CO



c. Once the RFQ is approved by everyone in the approval process, it is then automatically submitted to the vendor. The vendor receives an e-mail notification of the new RFQ awaiting their action. Any e-mail collaboration will need to be done using regular e-mail outside of AFWay and BEFORE the solution is submitted. Once the vendor submits a solution it cannot be re-submitted. Clicking on the RFQ number will display details of the RFQ.



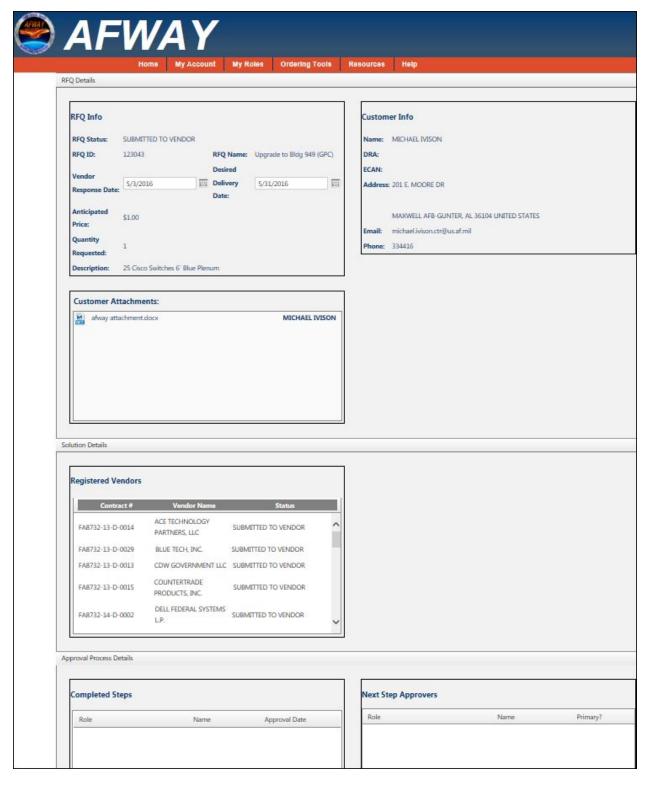


Figure 12 – View RFQ Page

d. When the vendor responds with a solution or chooses to decline, an e-mail notification is sent to the customer.



- e. The customer can view a vendor response to an RFQ:
  - From the User Profile, click on the Request for Quotes tab.
  - Click on the RFQ ID number to open the RFQ page.
  - Click on the vendor with a "Response from Vendor" status.
  - Details of the vendor's response will be displayed.

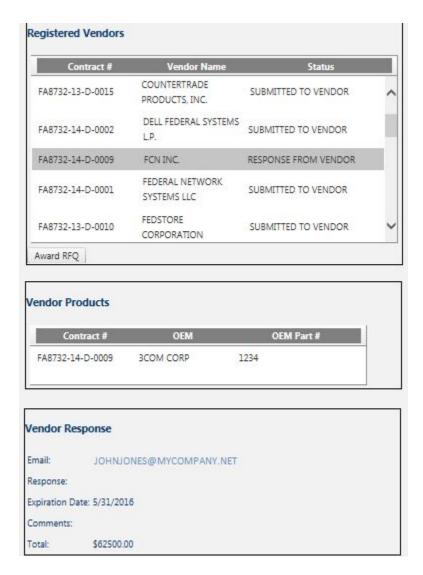


Figure 13 – Vendor Responses