Q: What exact model do you have for your ASA’s?
A: ASA5540

Q: How many connections per second are you requiring?
A: Plan to accommodate the full capacity of the ASA’s at 25,000 connections. The City’s peak connections has reached 13,061

Q: Does our proposed design need to meet all solution capabilities under the Exhibit B criteria worksheet?
A: Yes, all criteria must be met in Exhibit B. It must be an appliance based solution that resides inside our existing firewall that is a full featured web filter, IDS/IPS and spam filter solution. There could be multiple appliances proposed as one solution set to cover all functionality. If there is a future release that will provide the functionality, or a third party add-in to provide the functionality, you can describe the variance in the notes/comments section of that function for our review and consideration.

Q: Under EXHIBIT “B” – Solution Criteria Worksheet, it states Allow with Coach. Could you please clarify?
A: That would be a web category that is blocked with a message that the user could click through to still get to the page.

An example would be:
We might choose to block streaming video (youtube) – a firefighter wants to view a training video that is work related and tries to get to the video. A web page message would pop-up saying this page is not recommended for viewing, however you can click proceed to continue anyway. (youtube video would then play for the user)

Q: Do you have a preference to have the UTM inline or passive?
A: Inline. We want the UTM to sit inside our firewall and perform web-filtering (both logging and actively blocking), IDS/IPS and spam filtering. I do want it to upon failure, to work in a pass-through mode and not cause traffic to stop.