

FreeBSD Foundation
Call for Submission of Proposals

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Key Dates:

Call open for full proposal submission	9 th February 2009
Deadline for full proposal submission	10 th March 2009
Proposal acceptance/denial notification	10 th April 2009

Introduction:

The FreeBSD Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the FreeBSD Project. The Foundation gratefully accepts donations from individuals and businesses, using them to fund projects which further the development of the FreeBSD operating system. In addition, the Foundation can represent the FreeBSD Project in executing contracts, license agreements, and other legal arrangements which require a recognized legal entity. The FreeBSD Foundation is entirely supported by donations.

Summary:

The FreeBSD Foundation is soliciting the submission of proposals for work relating to any of the major subsystems or infrastructure within the FreeBSD operating system. A budget of \$30,000 was allocated to fund multiple development projects. Proposals will be evaluated based on desirability, technical merit, and cost-effectiveness.

Guidelines:

The objective of the proposal is to identify what is to be done, explain why this needs to be done, and convince us that:

- You are qualified to do this project.
- You have someone who can provide technical oversight.
- You have the resources needed to complete the project within the stated time and cost constraints.

Proposals must include the following:

1. Detailed description

A detailed description of what is being proposed, how it will benefit the FreeBSD project, and why the work is needed. Also include your name, email address, mailing address, phone number, and involvement in the FreeBSD Project.

2. Timeline and Costing

You need to include a timeline and costing for the project. This includes your fees, compensation for reviewer, and taxes. We would also like you to include a rough estimated breakdown of how the money will be spent, i.e. 20% review hours, 30% hardware, 50% contract hours. Also include the estimated man hours.

3. Technical Reviewers

The technical reviewers are very important to the project. It lends to accountability on the project. The Foundation does not have the staffing resources to provide detailed source code review, but feels that detailed technical review of funded projects as they proceed is extremely important. The reviewer may request to be compensated for their time they spend on the project.

It is important that the reviewer is familiar with what you plan to accomplish. The person should be a recognized FreeBSD contributor. Include in your proposal the name of the reviewer and what criteria you used to select this person. Please include this cost in your final project cost.

4. Milestones, completion and final payment:

Proposals must include milestones for which partial payments can be made. In addition to the milestones, a completion target date must be proposed with the completed project placed into the FreeBSD source repository. A proposal will be rejected if a target completion date is not submitted. Payments will only be made when milestones are reached and the project has been completed.

All proposals must be in US dollars.

Proposals are open to all developers, including non-FreeBSD committers, but developers without access to commit to the source tree must provide details about how the completion guidelines will be achieved.

Please email your proposal to: Board (at) freebsdoundation (dot) org