

MEPNN Supplier Scouting Opportunity Synopsis

Section 1: General Information

Scouting Number	2026-160
Item to be Scouted	BABA: Control System
Days to be scouted	14
Response Due By	05/13/2026
Description	A Door Entry Access Control System is a security and communication solution that manages who can enter a building, how they authenticate, and how the system logs and controls access. Think of it as the coordinated brain and

Section 2: Technical Information

Type of supplier being sought	Minnesota Manufacturer
Reason	BABA

Describe the manufacturing processes (elaborate to provide as much detail as possible)

<p>1-Fabricate the Enclosure and Faceplate The enclosure protects electronics and defines the system's durability and weather resistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Cut and form stainless steel, aluminum, or polycarbonate panels-Machine openings for keypad, camera, speaker, mic, and display-Apply surface finishing (powder coat, brushing, anodizing)-Add gaskets and seals for IP-rated weatherproofing
<p>2-Manufacture the Main PCB The PCB hosts the controller, communication circuits, and power regulation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Fabricate FR-4 PCB with copper traces and solder mask-Place components: MCU, memory, relays, regulators, surge protection-Use SMT reflow for small components and wave soldering for connectors-Perform AOI (Automated Optical Inspection)
<p>3-Assemble Communication Modules Communication hardware enables calling, networking, or remote unlocking.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Install POTS, Ethernet/IP, or cellular LTE modules-Add antennas (chip, PCB, or external)-Integrate RJ45, SIM tray, or terminal blocks-Test signal integrity and isolation
<p>4-Build the User Interface Components Keypads, displays, and audio hardware form the user-facing interface.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Assemble keypad (metal keys or membrane)-Install speaker, microphone, and acoustic chamber-Mount LCD/OLED display or directory panel-Add LED indicators and backlighting
<p>5-Integrate Power Supply and Protection Power circuitry ensures stable operation and protects against surges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Install AC/DC converter or DC input stage-Add voltage regulators (12V, 5V, 3.3V)-Integrate MOVs, TVS diodes, fuses, and lightning protection-Add optional backup battery and charging circuit
<p>6-Final Mechanical Assembly Electronics and enclosure are combined into a complete unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Mount PCB inside enclosure with standoffs-Install keypad, camera, speaker, and display modules-Route wiring harnesses and secure with strain reliefs-Add tamper switches and close housing
<p>7-Load Firmware and Configure System Firmware enables access logic, communication, and security functions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Flash controller firmware and bootloader-Load directory, access rules, and default settings-Configure network, cellular, or telephony parameters-Run self-test routines
<p>8-Perform Functional and Compliance Testing Testing ensures reliability, safety, and regulatory compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Test keypad, audio, video, relays, and communication-Perform environmental tests (temperature, humidity)-Conduct EMI/FCC/CE compliance checks-Verify surge and ESD protection
<p>9-Package and Prepare for Shipment Proper packaging protects the system during transport and installation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Wrap unit in ESD bag and add desiccant-Use foam inserts and double-wall box-Include manuals, wiring diagrams, mounting template-Apply labels: model, serial, certifications

Provide dimensions / size / tolerances / performance specifications for the item	Typical Door Access for a three-story Multifamily Apartment project. Please respond with all available options.
List required materials needed to make the product, including materials of product components	<p>1. Entry device hardware (door/gate panel) Faceplate & housing: Materials: Stainless steel, aluminum, or UV-stable polycarbonate/ABS Keypad: Materials: Metal or polycarbonate keys, silicone rubber membrane, PCB with dome/tact switches Card/fob reader: Materials: RFID/NFC reader module, plastic reader housing, epoxy potting (optional) Speaker & microphone: Weather-resistant speaker, electret or MEMS microphone, protective mesh Display / indicators: LEDs, light pipes, small LCD/OLED/TFT, polycarbonate window</p> <p>2. Control & logic electronics Main PCB: FR-4 board, copper traces, solder mask, silkscreen Microcontroller / processor Memory: Flash, EEPROM for users, schedules, logs I/O & interface components: Optocouplers, level shifters, GPIO expanders, RS-485/RS-232/Ethernet transceivers Relays / SSRs: For door strikes, maglocks, gate operators Input protection: TVS diodes, fuses, resistors, transient protection on reader and door lines</p> <p>3. Credential & reader interfaces RFID/NFC modules: 125 kHz, 13.56 MHz, or secure smartcard readers Biometric modules (if used): Fingerprint sensor, camera module, or face recognition module Keypad electronics: Matrix keypad PCB, backlight LEDs</p> <p>4. Communication modules Network / IP: Ethernet PHY, RJ45 with magnetics, Wi-Fi module, antennas Bus interfaces: Wiegand, OSDP (RS-485), CAN (if integrated) Cloud/remote options: Cellular LTE module, SIM holder, antenna (if remote connectivity is built-in)</p> <p>5. Power supply & backup AC/DC or DC/DC supply: Transformer or SMPS, rectifier, filter capacitors, buck/linear regulators Voltage rails: 12 V, 5 V, 3.3 V as required Backup power (optional): Small SLA or Li-ion pack, charge controller, protection ICs Surge & lightning protection: MOVs, gas discharge tubes, TVS diodes on power and long cable runs</p> <p>6. Enclosure & mechanical components Main enclosure / back box: Stainless steel, aluminum, or powder-coated steel; sometimes vandal-resistant cast housing Gaskets & seals: EPDM or silicone for weather and dust protection Mounting hardware: Screws, wall anchors, brackets, tamper-resistant fasteners</p>

	<p>Tamper detection: Microswitches or magnetic sensors for door-open / cover-open detection</p> <p>7. Security & door hardware interfaces Terminal blocks / connectors: For door strikes, maglocks, REX (request-to-exit), door contacts, readers Door hardware (external, but interfaced): Electric strikes, maglocks, gate operators (not always supplied with controller)</p>
Are there applicable certification requirements?	No
Are there applicable regulations?	No
Are there any other standards, requirements, etc.?	No
Additional Technical Comments	This is for a three story 48 Unit Multifamily apartment over a one-story parking garage.

Section 4: Business Information

Estimated potential business volume	1 provide at Main Entry.
Estimated target price / unit cost information (if unavailable explain)	\$700
When is it needed by?	July 2027
Describe packaging requirements	A door entry access control system requires packaging that protects sensitive electronics, prevents corrosion, supports regulatory compliance, and survives shipping impacts. Video units and large metal housings need heavier-duty packaging, while keypad-only units can use lighter materials.
Where will this item be shipped?	Blaine Minnesota

Additional Comments

Is there other information you would like to include?	
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