

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

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PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLY, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF END-POINT PROTECTION PLATFORM (EPP) LICENSES

This Bid Bulletin No. 1 modifies the respective portions of the Bidding Documents issued on 15 August 2023.

The changes to the Bidding Documents, as indicated in the succeeding pages, are being issued in compliance with Section 22.5 of the Revised 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9184. Under this section, the procuring entity is directed to issue an amendment at least seven (7) days before the deadline for submission of the bid.

Except as expressly amended by this Bid Bulletin, all other terms and conditions of the Bidding Documents issued on 15 August 2023 shall remain unchanged and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms.

For guidance and information of all concerned.

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Questions and Answers
(As of 11 September 2023)

Q&A Item No.	Queries/Clarification	Response/s of the BAC-TWG
Q&A-1	<p>Section III - Bid Data Sheet</p> <p>5.3 For this purpose, contracts similar to the Project shall be:</p> <p>a. Supply and Delivery of End-point Security as part of various ICT equipment is accepted as a similar contract.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the SLCC requirement be computed or reviewed? Are we going to provide a breakdown for the End-point Security or are we going to consider the whole contract as a requirement for SLCC to meet the requirements of at least 50% of the ABC? 2. Even though the portion of the EPP is not that large in scope or significant, is that okay? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We don't require a detailed cost breakdown for SLCC. As long as the SLCC supporting document shows that EPP is included among the delivered items of various ICT equipment to ensure that the End-point Security is part of/integrated into the SLCC, thus contributing to meeting the SLCC requirements. 2. Yes, it can still be considered as part of the SLCC. The price of the EPP component is not a concern as long as the SLCC meets the outlined requirements.
Q&A-2	<p>Section VII - Technical Specifications</p> <p><i>On the requirement "Must have Central Management via On-premises EMS (The supplier will provide the following for EMS)"</i></p> <p>Does the PRO have a preferred brand of server for the On-premise EMS?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No particular brand is preferred, but the EMS selected should comply with all the requirements stated in the bid documents (Item 3 a to j of Technical Specifications).
Q&A-3	<p>Section VII - Technical Specifications</p> <p><i>On the requirement "Must have Central Management via On-premise EMS (The supplier will provide the following for EMS)"</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the PRO have an existing MFA solution? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, we are currently using FortiToken.

	<p>2. Does that include FortiAuthenticator or is it included in FortiGate?</p>	<p>2. Yes, it is included in FortiGate.</p>
Q&A-4	<p>Section VII - Technical Specifications</p> <p><i>On the requirement</i> <i>“Must have 5-years subscription for EPP licenses and services such as:</i> <i>a. Directly supported by Manufacturer’s Technical Assistance Center through online ticketing;</i> <i>b. 24x7 response time support;</i> <i>c. 24x7 Web support (Web email access and online chat);</i> <i>d. 24x7 comprehensive support (Telephone support); and</i> <i>e. Firmware and general update.”</i></p> <p>1. Should the vendor or the bidder provide the technical support?</p>	<p>1. Regardless, as long as technical support is provided by either the vendor or the bidder.</p>
Q&A-5	<p>Section VI - Schedule of Requirement.</p> <p><i>On the requirement</i> <i>“Supply, delivery and installation of the Goods for the End-point Protection Platform Licenses should be completed within 30 calendar days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed (NTP). All installation/configuration must be completed within this schedule</i></p> <p>1. Since there is hardware involved in this project, can we request a 90-day delivery and installation of goods upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed? Normal hardware delivery is 60-75 days</p>	<p>1. We will retain the original schedule as indicated in the Schedule of Requirements (30 calendar days) due to the urgent security requirement.</p>