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This Bid Bulletin No. 1 modifies respective portions of the Bidding Documents issued on 01 December 2021.

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 01 December 2021 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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| BB1-1 | Section VI – Schedule of Requirements For Lots 1 to 2, and 6 to 8, can the delivery schedule be extended up to sixty (60) calendar days? | The schedule of delivery for Lots 1 to 2, and 6 to 8 is retained. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BB1-2 | On “1U Rack -mount” requirement for Lot 9 - VPN APPLIANCE | The requirement for “1U Rack -mount” is for Lot 9 - VPN APPLIANCE is removed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lot 1 - HEADSET AND WEBCAMS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BB1-3 | What is the warranty period for the items under Lot 1? | One (1) year on parts and service | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lot 2 - EXTERNAL HARD DRIVES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BB1-4 | On the “ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR ITEMS” under Lot 2 | <p>The requirement is amended as follows:</p> <p>From:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4" style="text-align: left;">ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR ITEMS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;">Warranty</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Three (3) Years on Parts and Service</td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Additional Requirement for all Laptop Computers:</td> <td> 1. Current and latest certificate from the manufacturer that the bidder/supplier is authorized partner or reseller of the brand being offered. 2. Current and latest certificate from the manufacturer that the bidder/supplier is authorized service provider of the brand being offered. 3. Bidder/ Manufacturer must have authorized service center nationwide (Submit the List). </td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>To:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4" style="text-align: left;">ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR ITEMS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> <td style="width: 25%;">Warranty</td> <td style="width: 25%;">Three (3) Years on Parts and Service</td> <td style="width: 25%;"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR ITEMS | | | | | Warranty | Three (3) Years on Parts and Service | | | Additional Requirement for all Laptop Computers: | 1. Current and latest certificate from the manufacturer that the bidder/supplier is authorized partner or reseller of the brand being offered. 2. Current and latest certificate from the manufacturer that the bidder/supplier is authorized service provider of the brand being offered. 3. Bidder/ Manufacturer must have authorized service center nationwide (Submit the List). | | ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR ITEMS | | | | | Warranty | Three (3) Years on Parts and Service | |
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| BB1-5 | The specifications points to a single brand (ie. Western Digital (WD)). Can PSA relax this requirement? | All “WD” provisions under Lot 2 are hereby removed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| BB1-6 | Can PSA relax the | The requirements for the dimension is | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | requirement for the weight and dimension for the Lot 2, Item No. 3 - EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE 4TB? | relaxed. However, the requirement for the weights is retained |
| LOT 5 - DESKTOP (STANDARD) | | |
| BB1-7 | On the requirement for the “Security and Features” and “Compliance Certificate” | The redundant provisions are hereby removed. |
| BB1-8 | Please clarify the port/s requirement indicated in the PBD for this lot, as this pertains to laptop ports. | <p>The ports are hereby amended as follows:</p> <p>From:</p> <p>1x USB 3.2 Gen 1 1x USB 3.2 Gen 1 1x USB Type C (support data transfer, Power Delivery 3.0 and DisplayPort 1.4) 1x USB Type C (Thunderbolt 4) 1 x HDMI 2.0 1 x micro SD card reader 1 x Ethernet (RJ-45) 1 x headphone / microphone combo jack</p> <p>To:</p> <p>Front</p> <p>2x USB 3.2 Gen 1 2x USB 3.2 Gen 2 1 x headphone/microphone combo jack 1 x microphone (3.5mm)</p> <p>Rear</p> <p>4 X USB 2.0 (at least) 1 x HDMI 2.0 (at least) 2 x Display port 1 x Ethernet (RJ-45)</p> |
| BB1-9 | For the CPU, this is a mobile CPU usually seen in laptops. Would you consider revising to Intel Core-i5 10 th gen or later? | <p>The requirement for “Processor” under Lot 5 is amended as follows:</p> <p>From:</p> <p>Intel Core i5-1135G7</p> <p>To:</p> <p>Intel Core i5-10th GEN or higher specifications</p> |
| Lot 6 - UPS FOR DESKTOP | | |
| BB1-10 | <p>Please clarify the requirement For “Back-up Time”</p> <p>Is it “8+20 mins depending on load” or “8</p> | The requirement for back-up time is 8 minutes for full load capacity. In addition to said minutes, a 20 minute back-up time is required depending on the load capacity of the UPS. |

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| | to 20 mins depending on load? | |
| BB1-11 | On the requirement for "Interface - RS232 usb port, rj45/rj11" Do bidder/s need to provide both RJ ports? | The requirement for the Interface is amended as follows: From: RS232 usb port, rj45/rj11 To: RS232 usb port, and rj45 RJ 11 (optional) |
| BB1-12 | What is the warranty requirement for Lot 6? | Two years for parts and service (except for battery- one year only) |
| LOT 7 - POWERBANK | | |
| BB1-13 | Warranty | 1 year on parts and service |
| LOT 9 - VPN APPLIANCE | | |
| BB1-14 | Item No. 2 - 2 Port WAN 4 Port LAN VPN Appliance Can the requirement for "LACP (802.3ad) NIC Bonding" be relaxed? | The requirement for LACP is hereby removed. |

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Questions and Answers (as of 15 December 2021)

| Q and A # | Reference | Amendments /Revision |
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| | Lot 3 - TABLETS WITH BUNDLED KNOX MANAGEMENT, CASING AND POWERBANK | |
| Q&A - 1 | Please clarify what is included under “Comprehensive Training” | Comprehensive training in device security and management refers to the training on how to use the Mobile Device Management (Knox) included in the procurement of the tablet device that the vendor will provide. |
| Q&A - 2 | Can the bidder provide a SIM card or load for the tablets? | Only the slot for the SIM card is required for the project. |
| Q&A - 3 | On the “Security and Management”, Knox has a lot of features. Are we to assume that all of the provisions indicated under “Security and Management”, are the only provisions that PSA will be checking? How about the proof of concepts for the Knox features? | Yes. Only those provisions listed under “Security and Management” will be checked by PSA. Bidder/s are instructed (under Section VII) to indicate their compliance by typing the word “Comply” against all the line requirements stated in the PDB Section VII. In addition to this, bidder/s are to submit a brochure or any documentation that will support the claims / statement of compliance of the bidder. |
| | LOT 4 – LAPTOP (MID-RANGE) | |
| Q&A – 4 | GPU: Would you consider something equivalent in memory size and speed like 4GB GDDR6? | The requirement specified for “Memory” under Lot 4 is the minimum requirement. Bidder/s may provide an equivalent or higher specifications. |
| Q&A – 5 | Storage: Would you consider dual SSD instead of SSD and HDD? | The requirement specified for “Storage” is the minimum requirement. Bidder/s may provide an equivalent or higher specifications. |
| Q&A - 6 | Display: Would you consider relaxing this to at least 15 inch FHD Display AG 300 nits? | The requirement specified for “Display” is the minimum requirement. Bidder/s may provide an equivalent or higher specifications. |
| | LOT 5 – DESKTOP (STANDARD) | |

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| Q&A - 7 | Based on the ports provided, they are based on laptop ports and not desktop. Can we have the proper ports for this requirement? | Refer to BB1-8 |
| Q&A - 8 | Would you consider 3 x USB-A 3.1 and 1 x USB-C? | Refer to BB1-8 |
| FOR LOTS 4 AND 5 | | |
| Q&A - 9 | <p><i>“Current and latest certificate from the manufacturer that the bidder/supplier is authorized service provider of the brand being offered.”</i></p> <p>Can this requirement be omitted or considered as optional? Because for some brand manufacturers that have centralized services / after sales support, they cannot provide this kind of certificate to their authorized partner resellers. However, bidder/supplier can assist as first line of support.</p> | The requirement is retained. |
| Q&A - 10 | <p><i>“Bidder/Manufacturer must have authorized service center nationwide (Submit the List).”</i></p> <p>Most principal suppliers don't have a list of nationwide service centers but can provide onsite support as needed. Can you consider this?</p> | The requirement is retained. |
| LOT 8 - FIREWALL APPLIANCE | | |
| Q&A - 11 | What type of subscription is required for the Firewall Appliance? | One (1) Year Unified Threat Protection (UTP) (IPS, Advanced Malware Protection, Application Control, Web & Video Filtering, Antispam Service, and 24x7 FortiCare) |
| LOT 9 - VPN APPLIANCE | | |
| Q&A - 12 | Can PSA relax the requirement “The Vendor must be at least Thirty (30) years in IT Industry”, to at least twenty (20) years? | The specification is retained. |
| Lot 9 - VPN APPLIANCE Item No. 1 - 3 Port WAN 3 Port LAN VPN Appliance | | |
| Q&A - 13 | One of the key features under Lot 9, Item No. 1 is “VPN WAN Smoothing”, can this requirement be relaxed? | No. The requirement under “Key Features” for Lot 9, Item No. 1 is hereby retained. |

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| | Lot 9 - VPN APPLIANCE | |
| | Item No. 2 - 2 Port WAN 4 Port LAN VPN Appliance | |
| Q&A - 14 | <p>Bidder/s sought clarification on the following provisions:</p> <p>“The Vendor must have at least two (2) Certified Engineers for the offered solution.”, and</p> <p>“The Vendor must be at least Thirty (30) years in IT Industry”</p> <p>Is this requirement applicable to all lots or for Lot 9 only?</p> | <p>The provisions as stated is for Lot 9 only.</p> |
| | OTHER ADDITIONAL QUERIES | |
| Q&A - 15 | <p>Considering that the project is allotted in the 2021 budget, how can the bidder/s ensure that there will still be a budget for this project come 2022?</p> | <p>The PSA can request the budget for this project to the DBM. Nevertheless, the Procuring Entity has until June 2022 to utilize the funds as long as the budget is obligated at the end of this month.</p> |