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This Bid Bulletin No. 1 modifies the respective portions of the Bidding Documents issued on 22 November 2022.

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 22 November 2022 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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| BB# | Reference | Amendments/Revision |
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| BB1-1 | <p>Section VII – Technical Specifications pg. 39</p> <p>On Bidder Qualification, “<i>Bidder must have branch office or authorized service centers in VISMIN area</i>”.</p> <p>Will the PSA accept authorized service center? In addition, does the PSA only require branch office/authorized service centers for VISMIN area?</p> | <p>From:</p> <p><i>“Bidder must have branch office or authorized service centers in VISMIN area”</i></p> <p>To:</p> <p>The bidder should have an authorized service centers in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao area.</p> |
| BB1-2 | <p>Section VII – Technical Specifications (page 39 of the PBD)</p> <p>On Additional Requirement, “<u><i>Bidder should have at least three (3) Manufacturer Certified Network Security Expert – Network Security Architect engineers.</i></u> Photocopy of valid certification, resume and company ID should be part of the submittal; Certified engineer should be with the bidder a year before the bid opening”.</p> <p>Will the PSA accept one (1) Manufacturer Certified Network Security Expert – Network Security Architect engineers and three (3) for the network security expert administration?</p> | <p>From:</p> <p><i>“Bidder should have at least three (3) Manufacturer Certified Network Security Expert – Network Security Architect engineers”</i></p> <p>To:</p> <p>Bidder should have at least one Manufacturer Certified Network Security Expert, and one Manufacturer Certified Network Engineer.</p> <p>Photocopy of valid certification, resume and company ID should be part of the submittal.</p> <p>Note: Certified Engineer should be with the bidder a year</p> |

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| | | before the bid opening |
| BB1-3 | <p>Section VI – Schedule of Requirement</p> <p>Lot 3 - Load Balancer</p> <p>Request for extension of delivery schedule from ninety (90) calendar days to one hundred fifty (150) calendar days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed.</p> | <p>From:</p> <p><i>“Delivery of Goods are required within Ninety (90) calendar days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed.”</i></p> <p>To:</p> <p><i>“Delivery of Goods are required within One Hundred Fifty (150) calendar days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed.”</i></p> |
| BB1-4 | <p>Section III – Bid Data Sheet ITB Clause 5.3</p> <p>Lot 6 - MySQL Enterprise Edition One (1) Year Subscription (1-4 socket server)</p> <p>The bidder inquired on what similar contracts are required for Lot 6.</p> | <p>From:</p> <p>For Lot 6 – “Similar contracts are the Supply and Delivery of Network Communication Appliance and Servers (e.g., Switches and Network Attached Storage)”</p> <p>To:</p> <p>For Lot 6 – “Similar contracts are the Supply and Delivery of software subscription licenses (e.g. Adobe Acrobat, Anti-Virus, MySQL Enterprise Edition, MSSQL Server Enterprise or Standard Edition, among others)</p> |
| BB1-5 | <p>Section II – Instructions to Bidders ITB Clause 10.2</p> <p>10.2. The Bidder’s SLCC as indicated in ITB Clause 5.3 should have been completed within three (3) years prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids</p> | <p>From:</p> <p>“Bidders should have completed, within the last three (3) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the</p> |

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| | | <p>Project”.</p> <p>To:</p> <p>“Bidders should have completed, within the last five (5) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project”.</p> |
| <p>BB1-6</p> | <p>Section III – Bid Data Sheet ITB Clause 5.3</p> <p>Lot 4 - Various Adobe Software Subscriptions</p> <p>The bidder inquired on what similar contracts are required for Lot 4</p> | <p>From:</p> <p>For Lot 4 -- “Similar contracts are the Supply, Delivery, and Subscription to Various ICT Software (e.g., Canva, Filmora, Microsoft,)”.</p> <p>To:</p> <p>For Lot 4 -- “Similar contracts are the Supply, Delivery, and Subscription to Various ICT Software (e.g. Canva, Filmora, Microsoft, Autodesk, Sketch-up and among others)”</p> |

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

| Q & A # | Reference | Amendments /Revision |
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| Q&A-1 | <p>Section VII – Technical Specifications pg. 35</p> <p>Lot 2 - Firewall Appliance with License and Three (3) Years Support and Subscription</p> <p>On Operating System and Management Requirements, <i>“The proposed CPE vendor must belong to latest Gartner’s Leader Magic Quadrant for Network Firewalls category”</i>.</p> <p>The bidder sought clarification if the CPE Vendors refers to the manufacturer or the brand that the bidder offers?</p> | <p>CPE refers to the manufacturer. CPE refers to the manufacturer as we are certain that the security equipment being offered are secured and well tested.</p> |
| Q&A-2 | <p>Section VII – Technical Specifications pg. 39</p> <p>Lot 2 - Firewall Appliance with License and Three (3) Years Support and Subscription</p> <p>On Bidder Qualification, “Bidder must be a least a certified advance partner of the proposed solution”.</p> <p>Can the requirements be: <i>“bidder must be an authorized/certified reseller/partner of the brand being offered”</i> instead of bidder must be a least a certified advance partner of the proposed solution?</p> | <p>Retain the word “advance”</p> <p>Kindly note that we require a valid and authentic certificate with logo from the manufacturer of the brand being offered.</p> <p>An advance partner means that the vendor has been recognized by the principal to have reached a certain level of success in selling the specified product. Thus, clients are assured that vendors are expert of the products being proposed.</p> |
| Q&A-3 | <p>Section VI – Schedule of Delivery</p> <p>Lot 2 - Firewall Appliance with License and Three (3) Years Support and Subscription</p> <p>On 17 units of Firewall, is/are bidder/s required to deliver/deploy all the items nationwide? If yes, kindly indicate the exact location.</p> | <p>Delivery, deployment and inspection of all items will be at the Central Office located at 2nd floor CVEA Building, PSA Complex, Quezon City</p> <p>For the installation and configuration, these will be done at the Central Office but during the deployment to the Regional Offices, the supplier should assist the PSA in the configuration remotely and as need</p> |

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| | <p>As stated on Section VI. Schedule of Requirements, <u>Delivery of Goods is required within Sixty (60) calendar days upon receipt of Notice to Proceed.</u> How about the installation, configuration of the firewall, if in case the PSA really requires the installation and configuration of the firewall as there will be additional cost.</p> <p>Will the PSA require having the installation and configuration per region?</p> | arises. |
| Q&A-4 | <p>Section VII – Technical Specifications pg. 39</p> <p>On Additional Requirement, <i>“Bidder must have a certified and experienced Project Engineer/Manager who will oversee the project. Note: Photocopy of valid Project Management Professional Certification, resume and company ID should be part of the submittal, Certified Project Manager should be with the bidder a year before the bid opening”.</i></p> <p>Can “certified” be omitted in the requirements?</p> | <p>The bidder must have an experienced Project Engineer/Manager (PM) who will oversee the project.</p> <p>Note: The bidders should submit the ff:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resume; 2. Company ID 3. List of government projects handled as PM for the last three (3) years, indicating the contact person and number of the agency for validation |
| Q&A-5 | <p>Section VII – Technical Specifications pg. 39</p> <p>On Additional Requirement, “Bidder should have at least three (3) Manufacturer Certified Network Security Expert – Network Security Architect Engineers. Photocopy of valid certification, resume and company ID should be part of the submittal; Certified Engineer should be with the bidder a year before the bid opening”.</p> <p>Would it be possible to relax the requirement of possessing Project Management Professional Certification?</p> | Please refer to Q&A-4. |
| Q&A-6 | <p>Section VII – Technical Specification pg. 40</p> <p>Lot 3 – Load Balancer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many applications are required for this project? 2. What are the required applications for this project? | We will provide during the kick-off meeting. |

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| Q&A-7 | <p>Section VII – Technical Specification pg. 40</p> <p>Lot 3 – Load Balancer</p> <p><i>“Two (2) Load Balancer & Chassis based Traffic Management Operating System software”</i></p> <p>Can the word “VIPRION” be omitted in the specification as this pertains to a particular brand?</p> | <p>Two (2) load balancer and a Chassis based Traffic Management Operating System software.</p> |
| Q&A-8 | <p>Section VII – Technical Specification pg. 40</p> <p>Lot 3 – Load Balancer</p> <p>The bidder clarified on what type of Load Balancer.</p> | <p>Load-link balancer</p> |
| Q&A-9 | <p>Page 42, Lot 5 Security Software Nessus (Expert)</p> <p>Is there an existing server/scanner on-prem?</p> | <p>No existing server / scanner on prem. The proposed acquisition will be used as standalone scanning for mobility.</p> |