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PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLY, DELIVERY, CONFIGURATION AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) EQUIPMENT FOR THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY (PSA) UNDER P.B. NO. 2024-23

This Bid Bulletin No. 2 modifies the respective portions of the Bidding Documents issued on 21 December 2024.

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 21 December 2024 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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Bid Bulletin No.	Reference	Amendments/Revisions
BB 1-1	<p>Section I. Invitation to Bid</p> <p>Lot 1 Quantity – 1 Fortinet 1800F for Central Office with Two (2) Years of Support and Subscription</p>	<p>From: Lot 1 Quantity – 1 Fortinet 1800F for Central Office with Two (2) Years of Support and Subscription</p> <p>To: Lot 1 Quantity – 2 Fortinet 1800F for Central Office with Two (2) Years of Support and Subscription</p>
BB1-2	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications</p> <p>Bidder Qualifications: - Bidder must be a least a certified advance partner of the proposed solution. must submit Manufacturer Certificate stating that they are a certified advance reseller partner</p>	<p>From: Bidder Qualifications: - Bidder must be a least a certified advance partner of the proposed solution. must submit Manufacturer Certificate stating that they are a certified advance reseller partner</p> <p>To: Bidder Qualifications: - Bidder must be a least a certified partner/reseller of the proposed solution. Must submit Manufacturer Certificate stating that they are a certified partner/reseller.</p>
BB1-3	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications</p> <p>For Lot 1 - Performance Specifications (p. 32), "SSL Inspection Throughput (IPS, avg. HTTPS) 3 17 Gbps"</p>	<p>From: SSL Inspection Throughput (IPS, avg. HTTPS) 3 17 Gbps</p> <p>To: SSL Inspection Throughput (IPS, avg. HTTPS)³ 12 Gbps</p>
BB1-4	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications</p>	<p>From:</p>

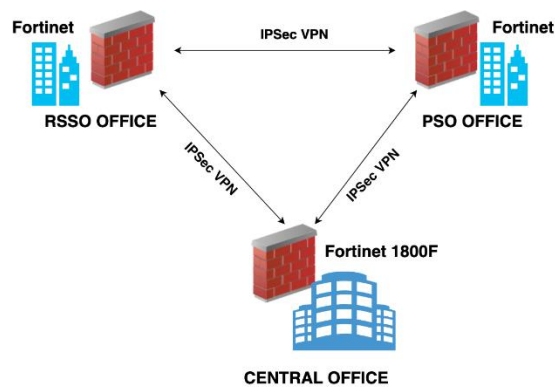
	<p>For Lot 1 – Dimensions and Power (p. 32),</p> <p>"Maximum Power Consumption 543.6W 558.8W</p> <p>Average Power Consumption 388.3W 399.1W "</p>	<p>Maximum Power Consumption 543.6W 558.8W</p> <p>Average Power Consumption 388.3W 399.1W</p> <p>To:</p> <p>Maximum Power Consumption 459.1 W 463.1W</p> <p>Average Power Consumption 410.9 W and 414.9 W</p>
<p>BB1-5</p>	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications</p> <p>For Lot 3 – Input (p. 34),</p> <p>For Item No. 1 & 2 - Main Connection: Cable with 7/7 plug (German 'Schuko' + French standard).</p>	<p>From:</p> <p>Main Connection: Cable with 7/7 plug (German 'Schuko' + French standard).</p> <p>To:</p> <p>Main Connection: Cable with Philippine standard plug.</p>
<p>BB1-6</p>	<p>For Section III, Bid Data Sheet, ITB Clause 5.3:</p> <p>For this purpose, contracts similar to the Project shall be:</p> <p>For Lot 1, similar contracts are Supply, Installation and Delivery of Firewall and Network Security Solutions.</p> <p>Bidders should have completed, within last three (3) years from the deadline of the submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project.</p>	<p>For Lot 1, similar contracts are Supply, Installation and Delivery of Firewall and Network Security Solutions.</p> <p>Bidder should have completed at least two (2) similar contracts, and the total of the aggregated contract amount should be equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC.</p>

Question and Answer
(As of 14 January 2025)

Q&A Item No.	BIDDER/S	QUERIES/ CLARIFICATIONS	RESPONSE OF THE BAC-TWG
Q&A1-1	PRONET	<p>For Lot 1,</p> <p>Under bidder qualifications, if we can just remove the certified advance partner and relax it to Reseller Certificate issued by the Manufacturer.</p>	Refer to BB1-2.
Q&A1-2	PRONET	<p>For Lot 1,</p> <p>What is the PSA's existing Firewall?</p>	The PSA's existing firewall is Fortinet 600E.
Q&A1-3	PRONET	<p>For Lot 1,</p> <p>What is the correct quantity of Firewall that we need to provide?</p>	Refer to BB1-1.
Q&A1-4	PRONET	<p>For Lot 2,</p> <p>We would just like to request the Service Tag of the existing HCI.</p>	<p>For the Service Tag of the existing HCI, kindly refer below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1MVNFN3 • 2MVNFN3 • 3MVNFN3 • 4MVNFN3 • 5MVNFN3 • 6MVNFN3 • 7MVNFN3 • 8MVNFN3 • 9MVNFN3 • H MVNFN3 • G WVNFN3 • J MVNFN3 • B MVNFN3 • F MVNFN3
Q&A1-5	EASTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS	<p>For Lot 1 page 32 Performance Specifications,</p> <p>"SSL Inspection Throughput (IPS, avg. HTTPS) 3 17 Gbps"</p>	Refer to BB1-3.

	PHILIPPINES, INC.	- As per checking of specs for FG1800F has 12 Gbps	
Q&A1-6	EASTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PHILIPPINES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1 page 32 Dimensions and Power,</p> <p>"Maximum Power Consumption 543.6W 558.8W "</p> <p>- As per checking of specs for FG1800F maximum power consumption of 459.1 W and 463.1W</p> <p>"Average Power Consumption 388.3W 399.1W "</p> <p>- As per checking of specs for FG1800F average power consumption of 410.9 W and 414.9 W</p>	Refer to BB1-4.
Q&A1-7	EASTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PHILIPPINES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1 page 33 Under Warranty - Quarterly health check,</p> <p>- What are the requirements for the health check? Do you require on site visit Quarterly?</p>	Quarterly Onsite Preventive Maintenance is required.
Q&A1-8	EASTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PHILIPPINES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1 page 33 Project Management and Installation</p> <p>"Project Management includes 2-day workshop to formulate Perimeter Firewall and SDWAN Project Implementation Plan. Bidder must Prepare, Present and Sign off Scope of Work (SOW) to PSA"</p> <p>- With SDWAN implementation or just Implementation Plan only?</p>	Implementation plan only.
Q&A1-9	EASTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PHILIPPINES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1 page 33 Bidder Qualifications,</p> <p>"Bidder must be at least a certified advance partner of the proposed solution. must submit</p>	Refer to BB1-2.

		<p>Manufacturer Certificate stating that they are a certified advance reseller partner"</p> <p>- Requesting to relax the requirements to be just certified partner?</p>	
Q&A1-10	EASTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PHILIPPINES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1 page 33 Others,</p> <p>"Must work with existing Firewall of PSA"</p> <p>- What is the existing model and brand of Firewall of PSA</p>	Refer to Q&A1-2.
Q&A1-11	EASTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PHILIPPINES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1 page 33 Others,</p> <p>- Are you planning to integrate this to this Project? Integration part of the project?</p>	Yes.
Q&A1-12	EASTERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS PHILIPPINES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1 page 33 Others,</p> <p>- Request to provide detailed High-Level Diagram (with WAN/LAN ports details)</p>	For the detailed High-Level Diagram, please refer to the diagram below.



Q&A1-13	ASPEX, INC.	<p>For Lot 3, Technical Specifications,</p> <p>For the dimension and weight would you consider the following:</p>	<p>The dimension and weight should be manufacturer's standard, as long as the offered goods will follow the 650VA and 1000VA requirement.</p>
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		<p>Item 1 - 650VA UPS Dimension: 90(W)x 320(D)x 140(H) mm Weight: 4.9Kg</p> <p>Item 2 - 1000VA UPS Dimension: 140(W) x 365(D) x 165(H) mm Weight: 9Kg</p>	
Q&A1-14	ASPEX, INC.	<p>For Lot 3, Technical Specifications,</p> <p>What is the warranty for the 650VA and 1000VA UPS?</p>	Two (2) years on parts and labor.
Q&A1-15	ASPEX, INC.	<p>For Lot 3, Technical Specifications,</p> <p>For Item No. 1 & 2 - Mains Connection: Cable with 7/7 plug (German 'Schuko' + French standard). Is the standard plug acceptable? Please see sample image in attached email query.</p>	Refer to BB1-5.
Q&A1-16	ASPEX, INC.	<p>For Lot 3, Schedule of Requirements,</p> <p>May we request for the delivery lead time to extend from Sixty (60) calendar days to Ninety (90) calendar days?</p>	Retained.
Q&A1-17	ADVANCE SOLUTIONS, INC.	<p>For Section III, Bid Data Sheet, ITB Clause 5.3:</p> <p>For this purpose, contracts similar to the Project shall be:</p> <p>For Lot 1, similar contracts are Supply, Installation and Delivery of Firewall and Network Security Solutions.</p> <p>Bidders should have completed, within last three (3) years from the</p>	Refer to BB1-6.

		<p>deadline of the submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project.</p> <p>May we humbly request from your good office to reconsider for the completed contracts "At least two (2) similar contracts and the total of the aggregated contract amount should be equivalent to at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC and the largest of these similar contracts must be equivalent to at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the ABC.", so that many bidders can participate in the bidding which will also be advantageous to the agency.</p>	
Q&A1-18	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1, Technical Specifications</p> <p>Under page 31, Interfaces and Modules, must include at least 4 x 40 GE QSFP+ Slots</p> <p>For the interface requirement, do you require bidder to include 40GE transceivers in the proposal? If yes, please specify how many do you require per firewall?</p>	Yes, at least two (2) transceivers per firewall.
Q&A1-19	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1, Technical Specifications</p> <p>Under page 32, Performance Specifications, SSL Inspection Throughput (IPS, avg. HTTPS) 3 17 Gbps</p> <p>Can we request the revision of the SSL Inspection Throughput</p>	Refer to BB1-3.

		based on the latest datasheet of Fortigate 1800F, which is 12 Gbps?	
Q&A1-20	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1, Technical Specifications</p> <p>Under page 32, Dimensions and Power, Maximum Power Consumption 543.6W 558.8W</p> <p>Can we request to revise the maximum power consumption based on the latest datasheet of Fortigate 1800F, which is 459.1W?</p>	Refer to BB1-4.
Q&A1-21	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1, Technical Specifications</p> <p>Under page 32, Dimensions and Power, Average Power Consumption 388.3W 399.1W</p> <p>Can we request to revise the average power consumption based on the latest datasheet of Fortigate 1800F which is 410.9W?</p>	Refer to BB1-4.
Q&A1-22	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Lot 1, Technical Specifications</p> <p>Under page 33, Project Management and Installation, Project Management includes 2-day workshop to formulate Perimeter Firewall and SDWAN Project Implementation Plan. Bidder must Prepare, Present and Sign off Scope of Work (SOW) to PSA.</p>	Yes.
Q&A1-23	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	- Since the requirement includes SDWAN, there will be an additional configuration on the existing firewall of branches, may	This will be discussed with the winning bidder during the kick-off meeting.

		we know who will do the configurations needed?	
Q&A1-24	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	- May we kindly request a copy of the existing network diagram for the Head Office as well as for the branches? Additionally, could you please provide the number of WAN links at both the Head Office and the branches? This will serve as a reference for the implementation.	For the existing network diagram, refer to Q&A1-12. For the number of WAN links, this will be discussed with the winning bidder during the kick-off meeting.
Q&A1-25	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	- For Project Management, do you require Project Manager?	Not a requirement, but if the bidder is willing to provide they can do so.
Q&A1-26	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	- Are engineer certifications required for Fortinet Perimeter Firewall and SDWAN installation? Certified Engineer will be a great help for PSA to have a successful implementation.	No. However, the ITDS-TWG expects the winning bidder to provide outstanding support services, as these services are factored into the overall procurement cost.
Q&A1-27	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	For Lot 1, Technical Specifications Under page 33, Others, must work with existing Firewall of PSA May we know what is your existing Firewall in Head Office and Branches?	Refer to Q&A1-2.
Q&A1-28	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	For Section I, Invitation to Bid Under page 7 Invitation to Bid and Page 27 Section VI. Schedule of Requirements	Refer to BB1-1.

		The Invitation to Bid states that the quantity of Fortigate 1800F is 1, while Section VI Schedule of Requirement states that the quantity is 2. During the prebid, it was mentioned the quantity of the firewall requirement is 2. We wish to confirm this.	
Q&A1-29	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Lot 2, Technical Specifications</p> <p>Under page 34, Installation at the Central Office (108pcs) and the Disaster Recovery Site (60pcs)</p> <p>- Where are the locations of the Central Office and Disaster Recovery sites?</p>	<p>Location of the Central Office is PSA Complex, East Avenue, Quezon City.</p> <p>Disaster Recovery site is at Vitro Clark, Pampanga.</p>
Q&A1-30	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Lot 2, Technical Specifications</p> <p>- Are engineer certifications required for VxRail RAM installation? The bidder requirement states that you only require a certification from partner and manufacturer which does not specify that a certified engineer is required for the installation. To ensure a seamless and efficient installation, the dell partner performing the activity must have certified engineer.</p>	Refer to Q&A1-26.
Q&A1-31	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Lot 2, Technical Specifications</p> <p>- What specific services are included within the VxRail RAM installation service?</p>	<p>Kindly refer to Section VII. Technical Specifications in the Philippine Bidding Document.</p> <p>The detailed installation service will be discussed with the winning bidder during the kick-off</p>

			meeting.
Q&A1-32	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Lot 2, Technical Specifications</p> <p>Under page 34, -24/7 Helpdesk and Technical Support</p> <p>- We are assuming that this Helpdesk requirement is the same as lot 1 helpdesk requirement where site visit is required. Please confirm.</p>	Yes.
Q&A1-33	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Section VI, Schedule of Requirements</p> <p>For lot 1, Fortinet 1800F for Central Office with Two (2) Years of Support and Subscription, can we request for 75 calendar days after receipt of Notice of Proceed for the delivery and installation? Fortinet distributors advise us that standard delivery of the units to Philippines now a days is already 45 days minimum. Considering additional days for the customs release processing and implementation, 75 calendar days will be sufficient for the delivery and installation.</p>	Retained.
Q&A1-34	TRENDS & TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	<p>For Section VI, Schedule of Requirements</p> <p>For lot 2, Supply, Delivery, and Installation of Random Access Memory for Hyperconverged Infrastructure, can we request for 60 calendar days after receipt of Notice of Proceed for the delivery and installation? Same reason above minimum delivery from</p>	Retained.

		manufacturer to Philippines is already 45 days minimum.	
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