

# **BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE**

## **BID BULLETIN NO. 1**

17 July 2023

### **PROCUREMENT OF SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, CONFIGURATION, SUPPORT AND SUBSCRIPTION OF NETWORK APPLIANCE, SECURITY AND VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT, AND VIRTUAL MACHINE SOFTWARE**

This Bid Bulletin No. 1 modifies the respective portions of the Bidding Documents issued on 30 June 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 30 June 2023 shall remain unchanged and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms.

For guidance and information of all concerned.

**SGD.**  
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Chairperson  
Bids and Awards Committee

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BB1 Item No.	Reference	Amendments/Revisions
BB1-1	Invitation to Bid Item No.8	<p><b>From:</b> Bid opening shall be on 24 July 2023, 10:00 A.M. at 17th Floor, Conference Room, Eton Centris Cyberpod One, EDSA corner Quezon Avenue. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.</p> <p><b>To:</b> Bid opening shall be on 24 July 2023, 10:00 A.M. at 17th Floor, Conference Room, Eton Centris Cyberpod <b>Three</b>, EDSA corner Quezon Avenue. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted</p>
BB1-2	On Technical Specification, Lot 1 – 1 RU Core Switch with 400G Support and Three (3) year Subscription and Support	<p><b>From:</b> One (1) year hardware and software warranty</p> <p><b>To:</b> <b>Three (3) years hardware and software warranty</b></p>
BB1-3	<p>On Technical Specification, Lot 3 - VMWare Virtualization License for Two (2) years</p> <p>Specifications: VMware vSphere 8 Standard for 22 processors</p>	<p><b>From:</b> -Production Support and Subscription for VMware vSphere 8 Standard for 22 processors -Technical Support, 24 Hour Sev 1 Support -- 7 days a week.</p> <p><b>To:</b> -Production Support and Subscription for VMware vSphere 8 Standard for 22 processors <b>for 2 years.</b> -Technical Support, 24 Hour Sev 1 Support -- 7 days a week <b>for 2 years.</b></p>

<p>BB1-4</p>	<p>On Technical Specification, Lot 3 - VMWare Virtualization License for Two (2) years</p> <p>Specifications:</p> <p>VMware vCenter Server 8 Standard for vSphere 8 for Central Office and Disaster Recovery virtual server management (2 instances)</p>	<p>From:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Production Support and Subscription VMware vCenter Server Standard for vSphere 8 for Central Office and Disaster Recovery virtual server management (2 Instances)</li> <li>-Technical Support, 24 Hour Sev 1 Support -- 7 days a week.</li> </ul> <p>To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Production Support and Subscription VMware vCenter Server Standard for vSphere 8, <b>for 2 years</b>, for Central Office and Disaster Recovery virtual server management (2 Instances)</li> <li>-Technical Support, 24 Hour Sev 1 Support -- 7 days a week <b>for 2 years</b></li> </ul>
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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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<b>Q&amp;A Item No.</b>	<b>Queries/Clarification</b>	<b>Response of the BAC-TWG</b>
Q&A1-1	<p>Since the project consists of four (4) lots.</p> <p>For the Omnibus Sworn Statement, Bid Securing Declaration and Secretary Certificate.</p> <p>Will PSA accept one copy of each document specifying the lots they will be participating in?</p>	<p>The BAC Chairperson responded that the bidder, for instance, can submit only one Bid Securing Declaration (BSD) for the lot/s the bidder will be participating in. In case the bidder decides to participate in multiple lots, a copy of the BSD should be attached as integral part of the documents required for each lot.</p> <p>The Secretariat Head reiterated if the bidder opted to participate in all lots, it would be allowed.</p> <p>However, if bidder opted to participate in any of those lots, the bidder may submit one copy of the document and specify/indicate the lot they are participating in.</p>
Q&A1-2	<p>The bidder asked clarification regarding the applicable fees for each lot/s. In case, the bidder will only participate in two or three lots.</p>	<p>The bidder has to pay the applicable fee for each lot that he/she will participate in, following the standard rates provided in the Updated Revised IRR of RA No. 9184.</p>
Q&A1-3	<p>On Technical Specification, Lot 3 - VMWare Virtualization License for Two (2) years</p> <p>On the service deployment, the bidder mentioned that there were two (2) sites indicated in the specification. Will this include the installation and services for both sites.</p> <p>Also, the bidder inquired as to the</p>	<p>Installation is included for both sites. For the number of existing host/s, there are 8 in the Central Office and 2 in the DR Site.</p>

	number of host/s and if there are existing host/s?	
Q&A1-4	<p>On Technical Specification, Lot 3 - VMWare Virtualization License for Two (2) years</p> <p>II. Additional Requirements,</p> <p>On Project Management and Knowledge transfer, Do we need maintenance arrangement?</p>	For the duration of the support and subscription, all engagement shall be between the end-user and the winning bidder. Escalation matrix shall be provided wherein all supports shall be in between the winning bidder and the supplier including the request for support under VMware
Q&A1-5	<p>On Technical Specification, Lot 3 - VMWare Virtualization License for Two (2) years</p> <p>II. Additional Requirements,</p> <p>On the knowledge transfer, what are the expectation? Will this be classroom type or will this require a certificate. The bidder clarified on the number of participants.</p>	Certificate of Attendance for the Knowledge Transfer Training. At least 15 personnel are expected to attend the Knowledge Transfer.
Q&A1-6	<p>On Technical Specification, Lot 3 - VMWare Virtualization License for Two (2) years</p> <p>The bidder inquired on where exactly the two (2) sites were located.</p>	One site is in the Central Office - East Ave., and the other one is our Disaster Recovery Site. The winning bidder will be notified of the location of the DR site
Q&A1-7	On Technical Specification, Lot 3 - VMWare Virtualization License for Two (2) years	Storage Area Network (SAN)

	<p>What type of storage for the virtualization?</p>	
<p>Q&amp;A1-8</p>	<p>II. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS</p> <p>Project Management and Installation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What will be the scope of the Project Management? Do you require Certified Project Management Professional engineer who will be the lead person for the project?</li> <li>2. For the software installation, do you require bidder to have a local VMware Certified Professional (VCP) and VMware Certified Advanced Professional (VCAP-DCV) to do the installation?</li> <li>3. Aside from product support, do you require winning bidder to provide local 24x7 after sales support during the warranty?</li> <li>4. Will you also require the bidder to submit VMware</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yes, the scope of project management will be from the delivery and installation of licenses up to the acceptance of the project.</li> <li>- Yes</li> <li>- Yes, during the duration of support and subscription</li> <li>- Yes</li> </ul>

	<p>Principal Level Partnership Certification?</p> <p>This is to ensure that the bidder has official partnership with VMware.</p>	
Q&A1-9	<p>Lot 1 Core Switch</p> <p>May we confirm where will the 1G fiber and copper transceivers be used</p>	Spare in case of emergency needed during the implementation
Q&A1-10	<p>Lot 2 Bandwidth Manager with One (1) Year Support</p> <p>May we confirm if Bandwidth Manager solution's external bypass unit will be physically connected between existing Core Switch and Perimeter Firewall using 2x10Gbps SR links as shown in the block diagram below? Please confirm if existing perimeter firewall and core switch have available 10G SR ports and transceivers to accommodate the connection.</p>	Yes
Q&A1-11	<p>Section VI Schedule of Requirements</p> <p>For Lot 2 Bandwidth Manager – Delivery of Goods are required within Ninety (90) days—</p> <p>Can we request for 120 calendar days delivery of goods upon receipt of Notice</p>	The delivery of goods is required within Ninety (90) days.

	<p>to Proceed. Our principals are still recovering from the impact of the global semiconductor material shortages, which affect the production of the biggest IT equipment providers in the world.</p>	
Q&A1-12	<p>Since this is multiple lots or 4 projects in one bid and will coincide with other bid scheduled July 24, it will be challenge for bidders to complete the submittals on time. With this. May we respectfully request for 3 days to 5 days extension for the bid submission and opening. The additional days will give us ample time to complete our bid tender.</p>	No extension.
Q&A1-13	<p>Can we submit scanned with e-signature for the Manufacture Partnership Certificate. Some of our principals don't have local presence in the Philippines.</p>	The bidder may do so.