

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**  
as of 26 October 2020

**Procurement of Cloud Services for PhilSys**

No.	Questions	Answers
1	We would like to clarify if we can aggregate multiple contracts for our SLCC?	No. Please refer to Item No.1, Q and A as of 19 October 2020; Item No.1, Q and A as of 23 October 2020.
2	<p><i>Required Internet bandwidth (BW) is 1Gbps and this statement says that it must support 1.25Gbps bandwidth.</i></p> <p>Please confirm that “must support” pertains to the 1Gbps required internet BW for the site-to-site VPN?</p>	“Must support” does not mean “must have”. The requirement for internet connectivity is 1Gbps, but the VPN tunnels can support greater if in the future PSA chooses to increase the bandwidth
3	<p><i>To be delivered within fifteen (15) days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed.</i></p> <p>May we request if this can be adjusted to 30-45 days.</p> <p>Some items - like Internet routers and essential peripherals can be delivered/provisioned by our supplier within 30-45days.</p>	The requirement is 15 days delivery for items outside of the CSP native cloud services.
4	May we request for an extension of bid submission to give us ample time in the preparation of the required documents.	There is no extension of bid submission. Please refer to Item No. 6, Q and A as of 19 October 2020; Item No. 8, Q and A as of 22 October 2020 and Item No. 2, Q and A as of 23 October 2020.
5	We would like to humbly request for an extension of the submission for this bid from November 3 to December 11, 2020.	Please refer to the response in Item No.4 above.
6	May we request the BAC to please allow subcontracting.	Subcontracting is not allowed.
7	<p>Multi-Factor Authentication for deletes of Logs is required by the PSA to prevent unintentional deletes. However, cloud providers have different ways of preventing unintentional deletes.</p> <p>For example, in the cloud from our principal, Log deletion/selective purging is a necessary functionality, and must have the capability to be protected via MFA.</p> <p>This functionality provides control over log house-keeping and potentially bringing down costs for activity logs may not be deleted. Because of this, may we request to include the item or equivalent for this technical specification?</p>	<p>MFA is a known authentication method that can be implemented for authenticated actions (not limited to deleting logs). Various ways are available to achieve this whether cloud or non-cloud environments. It doesn't have to be a native functionality, it can be done programmatically.</p> <p>The TOR is Vendor-Agnostic and it focuses solely on the requirements of PSA for its PhilSys Project.</p>

	<p>As per initial response of PSA, this is critical to for protection and cost management.</p> <p>If this is the case, other CSPs in the leaders quadrant have similar functionalities to provide protection like locking and MFA protection on the Admin accounts. MFA on delete of logs is a feature that is only provided by one (1) CSP in the Leader quadrant of the latest Gartner Magic Quadrant.</p>	
8	<p>PSA requires CSP to be in the leader portion of the Gartner Magic Quadrant. Of the 3 CSPs in the current Leader Quadrant, MFA on deletion of logs is a feature provided by only one (1) CSP.</p> <p>The logging mechanism is a secure internal system of any CSP that does not allow for ad hoc changes. By not allowing alternatives, there is technology bias for 1 CSP on this technical specification.</p> <p>May we request PSA to reconsider our request to include “or equivalent” in this technical specification?</p>	<p>Please refer to the response in Item No. 7 above.</p>
9	<p>Application Centric Infrastructure (ACI) multi-site orchestrator which will provide visibility onto a cloud environment.</p> <p>Can we be provided the minimum parameters, framework and protocols that is required so we can validate interoperability with the proposed CSP if the existing infrastructure brand is will not be shared to bidders.</p>	<p>ACI High Level Functional Requirements:</p> <p>Must run natively which will automate connectivity, policy translation &amp; workload visibility</p> <p>Able to translate policies into cloud-native constructs, security groups and the likes</p> <p>Able to extend the on-premise data center to hybrid cloud architecture</p> <p>Able to provide application flow completion time up to 80%</p>
10	<p>On the Class "B" Documents under Technical component envelope, for other documentary requirements RA No. 9184, letter (n),</p> <p>is this applicable if we are going on a joint venture with a foreign partner?</p>	<p>It is not applicable. Applicable only when the foreign bidder participates the procurement without any local partner for a joint venture.</p>