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NATIONAL PRIVACY COMMISSION
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTAL/BID BULLETIN NO. 131-2021

DATE : 23 November 2021

SUBJECT: Procurement of Firewall and Network Component Licenses (Early Procurement Activity - FY 2022)

After considering the clarifications and recommendations made during the Pre-Bid Conference dated 18 November 2021 for this procurement, the National Privacy Commission – Bids and Awards Committee (NPC-BAC) hereby issues this Supplemental/Bid Bulletin clarifying provisions in the Bidding Documents, to wit:

CLARIFICATION/ QUESTION	ADDENDUM/AMENDMENT/ ANSWER
Under Item I (C) of the Technical Specifications/Requirements, which indicates the qualifications of local technical support, it was stated that the bidder must provide a copy of their active security certifications. Is there a specific security certification that must be submitted or is that a general security certification?	Since the provider will only act as technical support, it is sufficient that the certification is related to or relevant to the security certifications.
In relation to the above requirement, does the certification have to be active until the end of the contract or is it enough that the	It is sufficient that the required security certification is active during the submission of the bid.

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certification be active upon submission of the bid?	
Is the Service Level Agreement (SLA) 8 x 5 or 24 x 7 for one year?	<p>The SLA shall be for one (1) year and it should be 8x5xNBD as indicated by Cisco SNTC service levels.</p> <p>Thus, Section V. Special Conditions of Contract and Section VII. Technical Specifications, I.D (Service Level Agreement), are hereby amended and shall now read as:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“I. Technical Requirements/ Specifications</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">D. Technical support must respond via telephone or email to resolve technical and other related problems based on the Service Level Agreement (SLA) which shall be for one (1) year 8x5xNBD. Resolution must be delivered based on the following levels of severity. Additionally, bidder shall submit an undertaking to have complied with Technical Specifications and Service Level Agreement Parameters below:</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">a. Severity Level 1, categorized as Minor, response time within 1 hour after initial report to the service desk or customer support.</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">b. Severity Level 2, categorized as Major, response time at the soonest possible time (within 2 hours).</p> <p style="padding-left: 120px;">c. Severity Level 3, categorized as Critical, response time is immediate (within 4 hours).”</p>
Does this procurement only cover the “Supply & Delivery” and does not include configuration?	<p>Yes, this only covers supply and delivery an no configuration is required from the supplier. But the supplier must assist the end-user how to activate/install the firewall licenses (L-FPR2130T-TMC-1Y, SF-FMC-KVM-2-K9, AC-PLS-P-25-S). There is also no additional configuration required for network components.</p>

	<p>For the Cisco Firepower 2130, prospective bidders must NOT include in the quote proposal, the 8 port SFP+ Network Module license (CON-SNTFPR2GNM8 with Serial Number JAD220102LD) as it is expensive and is not being utilized by the Commission.</p>
<p>Can we manually or physical submit our bid on December 02, 2021?</p>	<p>No. Bids shall only be submitted and opened in accordance with the NPC-BAC Guidelines on the Electronic Submission and Receipt of Bids.</p> <p>This guideline is being adopted by virtue of NPC Bids and Awards Committee (NPC-BAC) Resolution dated 03 August 2021, for the efficient execution of its procurement activities, particularly the competitive biddings lined up for the year. This is accordance with the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) Resolution Nos. 09-2020 and 12-2020 approving measures for the efficient conduct of procurement activities and prescribing the form of the certification required for the conduct of electronic submission and receipt of bids by a procuring entity.</p>
<p>Will the scheduled bid submission and opening for this item continue despite the fact that December 2, 2021 is a special non-working holiday in Pasay City (Foundation Day of Pasay City) by virtue of R.A. No. 11140?</p>	<p>Yes, the scheduled bid submission and opening on December 2, 2021 shall continue. GPPB Resolution No. 21-2017 which approved the amendments to the 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. 9184, amended Section 38.2 to include the second paragraph as shown below:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“The maximum periods and the recommended earliest possible time for action on specific procurement activities are provided for in Annex “C” of this IRR. In case the deadline for each activity falls on a non-working day (i.e. Saturday and Sunday), legal holiday, or special nonworking holiday, the deadline shall be the next working day.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>However, for purposes of expediency, economy, and efficiency, as determined by the BAC, specific procurement activities may be held on a Saturday, Sunday, nonworking day or holiday: provided, that the BAC, secretariat and TWG members shall be available on such date, and the appropriate supplemental/bid bulletin is issued and posted pursuant to the posting requirements embodied in section 22.5.3 of this IRR.”</u></p>

	As such, for purposes of expediency and efficiency, seeing the urgency in the procurement of this item being undertaken as part of the Commission's Early Procurement Activity for FY 2022 and the need to ensure the timely delivery of the procured services, the BAC agreed to proceed with the scheduled bid opening on December 2, 2021 despite it being a special non-working holiday.
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The foregoing shall form an integral part of the **Bidding Documents for Firewall and Network Component Licenses** for the National Privacy Commission. Any provision inconsistent herewith is hereby amended and superseded accordingly.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

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