



Project ID : PCHRD – PB – 2021 – 05

Project Name : PROCUREMENT OF ONE (1) LOT CLOUD-BASED SERVER PLATFORM SUBSCRIPTION

**SUPPLEMENTAL / BID BULLETIN NO. 1**

October 11, 2021

**Subject: CLARIFICATION AND RESPONSE TO QUERIES**

This Supplemental/Bid Bulletin No. 1 is being issued to clarify and/or answer queries raised by a prospective bidder for the aforementioned project:

**I. Clarification received from a prospective bidder on October 09, 2021, particularly on the Technical Specifications of the project.**

QUERIES / QUESTIONS	RESPONSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We would like to request a complete, clear and general specifications to allow prospective bidders to participate in this bidding:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Item A.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Compute Engine (Application Instance)</li> <li>ii. E2-Custom</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Item B.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Compute Engine (Database Instance)</li> <li>ii. E2-Custom</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Item F.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Integration Capability with Google Workspace</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>The requirement provided in Section VII of the bidding documents issued for this project remains.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Section 18. Reference to Brand Names</b></li> </ul> <p>..... <b>Reference to brand names shall not be allowed except for items or parts that are compatible with the existing fleet or equipment of the same make and brand, and to maintain the performance, functionality and useful life of the equipment....</b></p> <p><b>Thus, as a rule, Reference to brand names, including tailor fitting, is not allowed. But where necessary to maintain the performance, functionality and useful life of the equipment, reference to brand names relative to the existing fleet or equipment is allowed.</b></p> <p><b>DOST-PCHRD has an existing project hosted on Google Cloud Platform, hence the specs we posted are tailored-fit for</b></p>

	<p><b>GCP in order for us to maintain one cloud platform ONLY.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was discussed that there is a need for one (1) public IP for each Virtual Machine for items A and B, total of two (2) public IP addresses, may we request this to be included in the supplemental bid bulletin?</li> </ul>	<p><b>This is stated in the Technical Specifications document.</b></p> <p><b>IP assignment is per instance basis, which means our procurement requires 10 public static IPs (1 instance, 1 IP).</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was discussed that there are an expected 160 concurrent users for this project, may we request this to be included in the supplemental bid bulletin?</li> </ul>	<p><b>The number of concurrent users who will be accessing the servers was accounted in the technical specifications. It was part of our decision making. It didn't have to be mentioned.</b></p> <p><b>Around 160 concurrent users are internal users ONLY. DOST-PCHRD systems are publicly accessible, which means our technical specs cover not just the 160 users but the entire public in general.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was discussed that item E. network attached storage is a cloud network attached storage, may we request this to be included in the supplemental bid bulletin?</li> </ul>	<p><b>This is a Cloud Platform procurement, hence, NAS implies Cloud NAS. This is part of GCP products.</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We emphasized that the integration capability with Google Workspace should be a requirement for the providers of Google Workspace and NOT a requirement, and should not be required for the prospective bidders as it is solely a procurement for a cloud-based server. To further provide emphasis on this, prospective bidders can only assure that they can provide a cloud-based server based on specifications for a server alone. It is up to PCHRD to determine what or where they will use it, what is important is that the minimum specifications on the server is provided for fair assessment and competition. With that said, may we request the removal of the "Item F. Integration capability with Google</li> </ul>	<p><b>The integration feature we were referring to in our specs actually means default integration where it does not require any additional activity or budget to integrate two platforms. As a Google Workspace client, we maintain a console where all Google services are shown on a dashboard for ease in monitoring. The GCP, once acquired, will be part of that dashboard we currently manage.</b></p>

<p>Workspace” to allow more prospective bidders, as well as not restrict potential bidders to google partners only. May we request this to be included in the supplemental bid bulletin?</p>	
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**II. Additional Instruction**

This Supplemental / Bid Bulletin shall form an integral part of the said Bidding Documents.

Attached is the updated **Section VIII. CHECKLIST OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS.**

For guidance and information of all concerned.

  
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Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

# Checklist of Technical and Financial Documents

## I. TECHNICAL COMPONENT ENVELOPE

### *Class "A" Documents*

#### Legal Documents

- (a) Valid PhilGEPS Registration Certificate (Platinum Membership) (all pages);  
**or**
- (b) Registration certificate from Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) for sole proprietorship, or Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) for cooperatives or its equivalent document,  
**and**
- (c) Mayor's or Business permit issued by the city or municipality where the principal place of business of the prospective bidder is located, or the equivalent document for Exclusive Economic Zones or Areas;  
**and**
- (d) Tax clearance per E.O. No. 398, s. 2005, as finally reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

#### Technical Documents

- (e) Statement of the prospective bidder of all its ongoing government and private contracts, including contracts awarded but not yet started, if any, whether similar or not similar in nature and complexity to the contract to be bid; **and**
- (f) Statement of all Government & Private Contracts completed within three (3) years, prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids. Which are similar in nature to the contract to be bid; **and**; **and**
- (g) Statement of the bidder's Single Largest Completed Contract (SLCC) similar to the contract to be bid, except under conditions provided for in Sections 23.4.1.3 and 23.4.2.4 of the 2016 revised IRR of RA No. 9184, within the relevant period as provided in the Bidding Documents; **and**
- (h) Original copy of Bid Security. If in the form of a Surety Bond, submit also a certification issued by the Insurance Commission;  
**or**  
Original copy of Notarized Bid Securing Declaration; **and**
- (i) Conformity with the Technical Specifications, which may include production/delivery schedule, manpower requirements, and/or after-sales/parts, if applicable; **and**
- (j) Conformity with the Schedule of Requirements and
- (k) Original duly signed Omnibus Sworn Statement (OSS);  
**and** if applicable, Original Notarized Secretary's Certificate in case of a corporation, partnership, or cooperative; or Original Special Power of

Attorney of all members of the joint venture giving full power and authority to its officer to sign the OSS and do acts to represent the Bidder.

- (l) **Supplemental / Bid Bulletin, if any**

Financial Documents

- (m) The Supplier's audited financial statements, showing, among others, the Supplier's total and current assets and liabilities, stamped "received" by the BIR or its duly accredited and authorized institutions, for the preceding calendar year which should not be earlier than two (2) years from the date of bid submission; **and**
- (n) The prospective bidder's computation of Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC);  
**or**  
A committed Line of Credit from a Universal or Commercial Bank in lieu of its NFCC computation.

**Class "B" Documents**

- (o) If applicable, a duly signed joint venture agreement (JVA) in case the joint venture is already in existence;  
**or**  
duly notarized statements from all the potential joint venture partners stating that they will enter into and abide by the provisions of the JVA in the instance that the bid is successful.

**II. FINANCIAL COMPONENT ENVELOPE**

- (p) Original of duly signed and accomplished Financial Bid Form; **and**
- (q) Original of duly signed and accomplished Price Schedule(s).

Other documentary requirements under RA No. 9184 (as applicable)

- (r) *[For foreign bidders claiming by reason of their country's extension of reciprocal rights to Filipinos]* Certification from the relevant government office of their country stating that Filipinos are allowed to participate in government procurement activities for the same item or product.
- (s) Certification from the DTI if the Bidder claims preference as a Domestic Bidder or Domestic Entity.