

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & SPECIAL INITIATIVES
Information & Communication Technology (ICT) Section

Subject: QUERIES AND RESPONSES OF PRE-BID MEETING HELD ON 8/4/2020

A pre-bid meeting was held on 8th April, 2020 at Jawaid Azfar Computer Centre for intended bidders regarding procurement of IT equipment/ computer hardware including Mid-Range Servers, Video Conferencing System, Video Wall and LED Screens. Purpose of the meeting was to clarify queries of intended bidders regarding detailed specification of equipment given in the bidding document. The meeting was attended by representatives of four firms and the following are response to the queries raised by the them during the meeting:

1. Equipment-Related Queries:

(i) Mid-Range Servers

- a. It was indicated by the vendors that size of server cache needs to be clarified, and number of processor slots in the server needs to be mentioned, as specified server has reached End of Life (EOL). The vendors were informed that specifications have been mentioned as per PC-I, however the bidders can quote Server with latest equivalent or higher specifications.
- b. On a query about type of license of Operating System required for the Server, the bidders were informed that they can quote both options, i.e., OEM and OLP licenses for the MS Windows Operating System and the latest higher version should be quoted.
- c. On a query about venue and type of training, it was clarified that training is required for 2-3 technical persons to be conducted at the premises of the Ministry at P Block, Pakistan Secretariat Islamabad, so that they can perform normal technical support operations of the equipment.

(ii) Video Conference System

- a. On query of a vendor whether a vendor-related cloud service solution could be quoted. It was clarified that the complete solution is required to be on-premises, including the implementation of cloud. It was further clarified that complete video conference solution must include all hardware, software licenses for 30 remote connections at a time, as mentioned in the bidding document.
- b. On a query regarding quantities of Video Conferencing Solution, it was clarified that one MCU is required, whereas two Video Conferencing Systems are required.

- c. Vendors enquired whether video recording feature was required in the video conferencing solution. It was clarified that quoted solution must also include internal recording features for Full HD video streaming. It was further elaborated that solution should be capable of storing at least 5TB for a single session recording.

(iii) Video Wall

- a. Vendors queried about quoting for latest SMD Screen technology that is available in market with better picture quality as an alternative to 55" LED Screen technology. Vendors were advised to quote the solution with both options i.e. (LED Screens and SMD Screen) in their bids for consideration of the purchase committee. It was clarified further that required size of Video Wall is 16 ft. x 09 ft. as per bidding document.

(iv) LED Screens

- a. No queries were raised by the vendors for this item.

2. Other Comments & Responses:

- i. Vendors raised concern over short delivery time limit in the bidding document. It was clarified that the equipment is urgently required in context of COVID-19 pandemic emergency situation. Therefore, time limits may be strictly adhered to by the intended bidders.
- ii. Vendors asked about partial bidding option i.e. item-wise consideration. It was clarified that bidding of selective items will not be entertained. It was further clarified that bidders are required to quote complete solution including installation, commissioning and testing of equipment with after-sales services as per details given in the bidding document.
- iii. Vendors requested about advance payment option in view of the size of procurement and short duration of delivery. In this regard, vendors further suggested that bank guarantee of equal amount against advance payment can be taken from the vendor by the procurer. While responding to this request, it was informed that advance payment against deposit of equal amount of bank guarantee by the vendor can come under consideration of the purchase committee but no commitment for this option is made at this time and the matter will be decided by the competent authority. Therefore, bidders are advised to follow the terms and conditions already mentioned in the bidding document.
- iv. Finally, Vendors asked about the minutes of this meeting. It was informed that as per the direction of the chairman of the purchase committee the minutes of this meeting will be uploaded on the website of Ministry.