PROJECT: ACQUISITION OF NETWORK ACCESS SWITCH

I.   REPLY TO WRITTEN QUERIES

Item No.	Queries/Clarifications	TWG Reply
1	**Under page 36. Other Requirement 4.1** The supplier with the lowest calculated bid shall submit a demo unit that will interoperate with the SSS existing core switch or a reference site which shows propose product can interoperate with Cisco Nexus 7000 core switch. *Question 1.1: If we propose a higher model same brand with existing switch of SSS, can we remove this demo requirement? We are proposing a higher model to comply with the technical specs and It's very hard to produce a demo unit using the exact model that we are going to propose.*	The requirement will be waved provided that the propose product is also Cisco brand with equal or higher model, as long as it can interoperate with Cisco Nexus 7000 core switch. The bidder must provide a certification that the propose unit can interoperate with Cisco Nexus 7000 core switch installed in the SSS. This amends Section VII: Technical Specification, Other Requirement 4.1
2	**Under page 30, Section VI. Schedule of Requirement** Delivery- Within sixty (60) calendar days from receipt of Notice to Proceed and Purchase Order *Question 2.1 Due to unforeseen material shortages caused by the current COVID-19 pandemic's impact on semiconductor suppliers, manufacturing, and shipping operations, our principal/manufacturer is currently facing production challenges.* *May we ask SSS to extend the delivery period from 60 to 150 calendar days as a result of this? The global semiconductor shortage is affecting the majority of the world's biggest IT organizations.*	Delivery- Within one-hundred twenty (120) calendar days from receipt of Notice to Proceed and Purchase Order. This amends Section VI: Schedule of Requirement

3	**Page 16-17, under Post qual documents** **20.2** Item 5 Latest income tax return corresponding to the Audited Financial Statements submitted, filed electronically (EFPS); ***Question # 3.1*** *TRENDS took advantage of the CREATE ACT law's TAX reform and incentive program for 2020. With this, we would like to appeal to SSS to consider Income Tax Return filed offline using eBIR form. The current CREATE ACT tax rate is not currently included in the eFPS tax rate options. Thus, filling eFPS is not applicable. Attached is the Revenue Memorandum Circular No. 50-2021 for your review*	Filing thru eBIR form is acceptable.
4	**Page 32, Item 1.6** Maximum of 1023 active VLANs ***Question 4.1*** *May we know how many active VLANs do you currently use in the network?* *Would 1000 active VLANS enough for your use-case?*	The SSS has currently 64 active VLANs. The requirement in page 32 item 1.6 is amended to read as maximum of 1000 active VLANs This amends Item 1.6 of Section VII. Technical Specifications.
5	**Page 32, Item 1.15** DHCP Sever Hostname, Option 66 ***Question 5.1*** *May we request to consider DHCP server hostname Option 66 or equivalent that matches the requirement of being able to specify IP address of TFTP server/s*	Yes. The requirement in page 32 item 1.15 DHCP Server Hostname, Option 66 or equivalent. This amends Item 1.15 of Section VII. Technical Specifications.

6	**Page 34, Item 1.50**	
	Existing gigabit fiber multi-mode transceiver module of SSS, GLC-SX-MM, should work on the proposed switch of the vendor. Otherwise, vendor must provide the transceiver	
	Question 6.1 How many 1G multimode transceiver modules will be needed?	2 units of 1G fiber multimode transceiver module will be needed.
	Question 6.2 Please confirm if the two-unit stacked network access switches will use 1G UTP connection to the existing network.	Reply to question 6.2 – The two (2) unit stacked network access switches WILL NOT use 1G UTP connection to the existing network.
7	**Page 34, Item 1.54**	
	Works with Network management solution that offers comprehensive lifecycle management of wired access, campus, and branch-office networks, rich visibility into end-user connectivity, and application performance assurance. Must come with device license for Network management Software	
	Question 7.1 We understand that you have an existing network management software that is compatible and manages your exiting switches. We are assuming that your current network management software is the same brand with your existing switches. Are you going to use this network management software to manage the proposed switches?	Yes, the existing network management software will manage the proposed switches.

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Certificate from the manufacturer stating that all equipment to be supplied are all brand new.

Question 8.1 Is it possible for this to be a bidder's certification rather than a manufacturer? The legal team of our product's manufacturer can only certify brand new after we place the order to them. | The certificate from the manufacturer stating that all equipment supplied are all brand new must be submitted prior to the issuance of the certificate of acceptance.

This amends Item 3.2 of Section VII. Technical Specifications. |

II.   CLARIFICATIONS

Item No.	Requirements	Clarification
1	Section VII. Technical Specification 1.51. 10 units 1000BASE-SX SFP Transceiver Module for the whole 120 units Switch. 1.52. 60 units 10GBASE-SR SFP Transceiver Module for the whole 120 units Switch	The requirement specified in the items nos. 1.51 and 1.52 are deleted. This amends Section VII. Technical Specifications.