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GovTech/ACCESS/PMU/2026-27/1565 **November 14, 2026**

To: All Prospective bidders

Subject: Response to **Clarifications-01** on Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of Last-Mile Connectivity Infrastructure and Local Area Network (LAN).

Ref: *Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia Phase 2 – Bhutan Project* (**Ref No: ACCESS/GOVTECH/GD-2**)

The following **Clarification-01** is issued for the Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of Last-Mile Connectivity Infrastructure and Local Area Network (LAN) is issued by GovTech Agency.

Clarification-01 to the Queries of the Bidders

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1	Section VII, Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Items 1–4 (switches), Security Features: pp. 189, 193, 197, 201	**TACACS+ Authentication:** Regarding the security feature requirements for the switch items, would an equivalent support standard (such as HWTACACS) be acceptable?	The Security Features support for Item No. 1 to Item No. 4 for Lot-2 shall be amended as below: TACACS+ Authentication or equivalent. Except for the above, all other requirements remain unchanged.
2	Section VII, Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 10 (Wi-Fi Access Point), Controller Support: p. 207; Section IV, Price Schedule Lot-2, Item 10: p. 105	**Wi-Fi Access Point Controller:** Is a LAN controller included in the specification for the Wi-Fi access points, or should it be budgeted separately, as this may impact pricing?	Proposed equipment must support centralized management through a LAN controller. Specifically, the RFB specifications require that the proposed equipment must have a centralized controller-support feature. A separate Wi-Fi LAN controller is not required as part of this RFB.

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3	Section VII, Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 10 (Wi-Fi Access Point), PoE Adapter: p. 207; Section IV, Price Schedule Lot-2: p. 105	**PoE Adapter Quantity:** Could you please clarify the exact quantity required for the Power over Ethernet (PoE) adapters?	The requirement shall be amended as below: No POE adapter is required.
4	Section VII, Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 1 (L3 Core Switch), Power and Cooling Requirement: p. 190; Item 3 (L2 Access Switch I): p. 199	**Power Supply Requirement for Switches:** For the power and cooling requirements of the switches, are the power supply units required to be AC or DC, given that the pricing varies between these options?	The requirement shall be amended as below: **Power and Cooling Requirement:** Power supply - AC input voltage: 220V AC power redundant fan Except for the above changes all other requirements remain unchanged.
5	Section VII, Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 8 (Smart Rack mount PDU): pp. 204–205	**Smart Rack PDU Specification:** For the smart racks (specifically the PDU), is a standard regular PDU required, or a managed/smart PDU?	A managed/smart rack-mount PDU is required as specified in the RFB.

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6	NA	May a foreign entity bid directly, or must it bid through a local agent or partner?	A foreign firm may bid directly as a single entity or form a Joint Venture. However, the maximum number of JV members should not exceed 3 (Three).
7	NA	Is our written expression of interest sufficient to be recorded as a prospective bidder?	Yes, once you express your interest, we will issue the Request for Bid (RFB) Documents. Please see the SL-6 of the Specific Procurement Notice for details.
8	NA	Can the pre-bid clarification record be shared with us after the session?	Yes, the pre-bid Meeting Minutes will be issued to all the prospective bidders who attended the meeting as well as to all prospective bidders who have requested the RFB.
9	NA	PoE compatibility between the specified switches (PoE+, Items 1–4) and the Wi-Fi 7 Access Points (802.3bt Type 3 and 10G Multigigabit, Item 10)	Covered in Sl. No. 90

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10	NA	Supply of the wireless LAN controller and SFP/SFP+ transceivers, which are not included in the List of Goods.	Proposed equipment must support centralized management through a LAN controller. Specifically, the RFB specifications require that the proposed equipment must have a centralized controller-support feature. A separate Wi-Fi LAN controller is not required as part of this RFB. SFP/SFP+ transceivers shall be provided by the Project team.
11	NA	Harmonisation of item numbering between the List of Goods (19 items) and the Technical Specifications (20 items), including the items requiring Manufacturer's Authorization under BDS ITB 17.2(a).	For Lot-2, the List of Goods contains 19 items, consistent with the Manufacturer's Authorization. Dismantling is included as a service requirement in the Technical Specifications (Item No-15: Dismantling of Existing Network Infrastructure) and is therefore not listed as a separate item in the List of Goods. Accordingly, no change to the RFB is required.

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12	NA	Scope of each Structured Cabling I/O point (cable category and average length per point)	While the exact cable length may depend on the proposed design submitted by individual bidders, bidders may consider an average of 20 meters per point for the purpose of working out the estimate. Further, all bidders are encouraged to make site visits to determine the actual requirements.
13	NA	Is there tax-exemption for the project?	Please refer to ITB 14.8 and corresponding reference in Section II: Bid Data sheet of the RFB. Also refer to the Section-VIII, GCC 17 clause (Taxes and Duties).

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14	NA	As per the issued Bidding Document (RFB), the bidder shall have five (5) years of overall experience in the supply of Goods related to IT/networking/telecommunication equipment. For a joint venture, this requirement must be met by each member. There was a request from the prospective bidders to consider the general experience to be met by all members combined in case of Joint venture	The requirements in the RFB remain unchanged.
15	NA	What would be the applicability of taxes to the supply of goods and related services to Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC), given its separate jurisdictional status	Please refer to ITB 14.8 and corresponding reference in Section II: Bid Data Sheet of the RFB. The applicability of taxes on goods and related services supplied to Gelephu Mindfulness City (GMC) under this Contract shall be governed by the applicable tax laws and regulations of RGoB.

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16	Section VII - Schedule of Requirements; LOT-2; SL# 1 Page: 187 (L3 Core Switch), SL# 2 Page: 191 (L3 Distribution Switch), SL# 3 Page: 195 (L2 Access Switch I), SL# 4 Page: 199 (L2 Access Switch II)	When the required service specifications are fully met, the hardware specifications of the device should not be required to exceed the actual operational needs. Different OEMs may use efficient hardware and software optimization approaches to achieve high performance and capacity without relying on larger centralized memory and storage resources. Factors contributing to optimized performance may include: • Efficient Operating System • Customized Hardware Design • Advanced Traffic Forwarding Architecture • Intelligent Packet Processing • Data Compression and Caching	Different Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) may employ different hardware designs and software optimization techniques to achieve the required performance and functionality. Accordingly, the proposed equipment need not use identical internal hardware configurations, provided that it meets or exceeds all minimum technical requirements specified in the bidding documents for sl# 1, 2, 3 and 4 along with genuine supporting documents. However, hardware and software optimization shall not be considered a basis for reducing or compromising any mandatory requirements relating to switching capacity, forwarding rate, interface types and speeds, Layer 2/Layer 3 functionalities, memory and table capacities where specified, redundancy, security, scalability and other applicable technical parameters. Bidders shall demonstrate compliance with the specified requirements through manufacturer datasheets and relevant technical documentation. Any proposed alternative shall be evaluated against the requirements of the bidding documents and the applicable procurement provisions. Therefore, the technical requirements shall remain applicable, while equivalent hardware architectures may be considered where full compliance with all specified requirements is demonstrated.

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17	Section VII - Schedule of Requirements; LOT-2; SL# 8, 9, 10; Page: 146-154	The inclusion of specific OEM proprietary features in the technical specifications may restrict vendor participation and limit fair competition. Therefore, the technical specifications should be defined based on required network functions, performance, security objectives, and operational outcomes rather than vendor-specific protocol names or proprietary features. The requirements should allow different OEMs with equivalent solutions to ensure fair competition, interoperability, and technology neutrality.	The technical specifications in the lots have been drafted keeping in mind the existing network architecture, equipment, and upgrades required for the purposes of achieving the objectives of enhancing the last-mile network and LAN in designated areas. Multiple OEM products may be able to meet the specifications based on the team's preliminary market analysis. For proprietary features, equivalent features if accompanied by specific technical justification as to suitability given the network details provided in Volume-II of the BDs will be accepted.
18	Section IX – Special Conditions of Contract; GCC 28.5 & 28.6; Page: 317	Bhutan's lack of direct flights and sea ports requires multi-route shipments, causing unpredictable transit delays. This is necessitated by operational lead times for parts procurement and quality assurance procedures, which are essential to deliver a durable and compliant repair.	Amendment to be issued: The period for repair or replacement shall be: 15 (Fifteen) days for repair and 45 (Forty-Five) days for replacement

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19	Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria; (h) Cyber Security Compliance; Page No. 63	Specifying a particular certification unduly narrows participation, as different manufacturers may hold equivalent certifications from different authorities or under different regulatory frameworks.	The team clarifies that "particular certification or industry-recognized and approved equivalent certification shall be allowed".
20	NA	Are foreign (non-Bhutanese) firms permitted to bid directly, or is a local agent / joint-venture partner required? If a local partner is required, is there a prescribed registration step?	A foreign firm may bid directly as a single entity or form a Joint Venture. However, the maximum number of JV members should not exceed 3 (Three).

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21	NA	Is our written confirmation of the two lots we can serve (Lot-1 optical fibre/ADSS accessories; Lot-2 LAN works) sufficient to be recorded as an interested bidder, or do you require a different registration step before 06 Nov 2026?	Yes, once you express your interest, we will issue the Request for Bid (RFB) Documents. Please see the SL-6 of the Specific Procurement Notice for details.
22	NA	Manufacturer authorisation. Where a bidder is not the original manufacturer, may it participate on the basis of an authorisation from a qualified manufacturer of form / fit / function equivalent goods, supported by test documentation?	If a bidder is not the manufacturer, the bidder must submit the Manufacturers authorization. The items requiring the manufacturer's authorization are specified in Section II: Bid Data Sheet, ITB 17.2 (a). The Manufacturers authorization form is in Section IV, Bidding Forms

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23	NA	Local representation. Is a locally registered representative in Bhutan mandatory for this procurement, or may a foreign bidder submit directly?	A foreign firm may bid directly as a single entity or form a Joint Venture. However, the maximum number of JV members should not exceed 3 (Three).
24	NA	Deadline and submission format. Could you confirm the final submission deadline and whether submission is electronic or physical, and in how many copies?	Please refer to ITB 22.1 and 22.2 (Deadline for Submission of Bids) and corresponding reference in Section II: Bid Data Sheet of the RFB for details and clarity.

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25	ITB 19.1 Bid Data Sheet, Page No. 49 of the tender document	As per ITB 19.1 (BDS), Bid Security is to be made in favor of Jigme Wangdi, Director, Department of Digital Infrastructure (DDI), Project Director, ACCESS-Bhutan Project, GovTech Agency. Usually, in the bid security made in the form of bank guarantee, the designation of the beneficiary is mentioned and name of the person is not mentioned. Please clarify if we may mention the beneficiary in the Bank Guarantee as- Project Director, Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia (ACCESS) – Bhutan Project.	Amendment will be issued: The beneficiary to be changed to Project Director, Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia (ACCESS) – Bhutan Project.
26	Vol I, Specific Procurement Notice, para 2(b) – Lot-2 scope, p.2	*RFB provision: "Lot-2: Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Last-Mile Connectivity Infrastructure and New Local Area Networks for 25 Agencies, and Enhancement of Existing Local Area Networks for 32 Agencies."* Lot-1 covers anti-rodent fibre for sites and Lot-2 covers 'Last-Mile Connectivity Infrastructure' for agencies. We request the Purchaser to define the demarcation between the two Lots. Specifically: (a) Which Lot covers fibre termination, FODP/ODF, splicing and testing at the agency premises? (b) Which Lot covers the last-mile active equipment? (c) Which Lot is responsible for end-to-end acceptance testing of the link? (d) Whether the 25 agencies for new LANs in Lot-2 are the same as the 25 sites for new fibre in Lot-1. Please provide the list of sites/agencies mapped to each Lot.	a. Fiber termination is being covered by lot 1. It includes spicing and testing at the agency premises. b. As mentioned in RFB active equipment are being covered by lot 2. c. The end-to-end acceptance test for fiber termination shall be covered by lot 1. While the L2 and L3 end-to-end shall be covered by Lot-2. d. Yes, 25 sites in Lot 1 are the same as 25 sites in Lot 2. Please refer the already provided list "Vol-II-ANNEX-1A"

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27	Vol I, Specific Procurement Notice, para 5 (read with ITB 32.4), p.3	*RFB provision: "The weighting assigned to the Rated Criteria, including technical and other non-price factors, shall be 60%, and the weighting assigned to the evaluated Bid cost shall be 40%."* We request the Purchaser to confirm the following. (a) The Rated Criteria, their sub-factors, maximum scores and the minimum technical score needed to open the Financial Part. (b) The formula for converting the evaluated Bid cost into a price score. (c) Whether the combined 60/40 score is applied separately for each Lot. (d) Whether the technical score is a pass/fail threshold or can be traded off against price. Please also confirm that a Bidder is not penalised for not bidding both Lots.	(a)A Bid must first meet all mandatory qualification and technical requirements before its Rated Criteria are evaluated. The financial bid of the bidders which meet mandatory qualification and technical requirements shall be opened. (b) Please refer to Section III Evaluation and Qualification criteria, Under Combined Evaluation, where the formula for converting the evaluated bid prices are specified. (c) Combined 60/40 score will be applied separately for each lot. (d) The technical score/rated criteria is not a pass/ fail threshold. A Bid must first meet all mandatory qualification and technical requirements before its Rated Criteria are evaluated. The bidder can bid for any lot or all lots under this contract

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28	Vol I, Specific Procurement Notice, para 8 – Bid Security, p.3	*RFB provision: "All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of a cumulative sum of US$ 26,911"* We request the Purchaser to confirm that a Bid submitted for Lot-2 only must be accompanied by a Bid Security of US$ 10,589 (the Lot-2 amount) and not the cumulative US$ 26,911, and that a single Bank Guarantee for that amount is acceptable	Yes, if a bidder is submitting the bid for Lot 2 only, the required bid security amount is US$ 10,589.
29	Vol I, Specific Procurement Notice, para 6 / Volume structure, p.3	*RFB provision: "A complete electronic set of the Bidding Documents, comprising Volumes I and II, will be provided free of charge by email upon receipt of a written request."* The cover page states 'VOLUME I of II', but the Table of Contents of Volume I lists Sections I–X, including Schedule of Requirements, GCC, SCC and Contract Forms. We request the Purchaser to confirm which Sections and pages are in Volume I and which are in Volume II. Please also confirm that the set issued contains all pages and annexures needed to prepare a complete bid, including drawings and the price schedules.	The bidding document consists of two volumes. Volume I contains the main bidding document, including the relevant sections, Schedule of Requirements, General Conditions of Contract (GCC), Special Conditions of Contract (SCC), and Contract Forms, as applicable. Volume II contains the annexures, including the technical drawings and figures referenced in the bidding document. Bidders are requested to refer to both volumes when preparing their bids. The Purchaser will clarify any inconsistencies in the Table of Contents, section allocation or page numbering, if identified, through an official clarification or addendum, as applicable.

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30	Vol I, Specific Procurement Notice, para 7 (read with ITB 21.1), p.3	*RFB provision: "All envelopes marked "Second Envelope: Financial Part" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Purchaser until the second public opening."* The Notice refers to envelopes marked 'Original Bid', 'Technical Part' and 'Second Envelope: Financial Part', whereas ITB 21.1 and 25.5 refer to envelopes marked 'ORIGINAL BID', 'TECHNICAL PART' and 'FINANCIAL PART'. We request the Purchaser to confirm the exact wording for the markings on each envelope. We also request confirmation that a minor difference in wording will not lead to rejection.	Please refer to ITB 21.1 to 21.5 (Sealing and Marking of Bids) and corresponding reference in Section II: Bid Data Sheet of the RFB for the details of Sealing and Marking of bid.
31	Vol I, Section I – ITB 4.2(e), p.11	*RFB provision: "or any of its affiliates participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the works that are the subject of the Bid; or"* We request the Purchaser to disclose the names of the consultants or firms that prepared the design, network diagrams and technical specifications for this RFB. This will let Bidders check their own conflict-of-interest position under ITB 4.2(e). Please also confirm that an OEM or reseller which only provided product literature to the Purchaser is not considered to have a conflict.	The design, network diagrams and technical specifications for this procurement were prepared internally by the GovTech project team. These specifications were informed by an early market study conducted for the first-, middle, and last-mile connectivity which was led by consultants McMillan Keck. No external consultant or firm was engaged for determining exact network diagrams, list or number of goods/quantities being procured, or the evaluation criteria stated in the bidding documents. Please refer ITB 4.2 on conflicts of interest

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31	Vol I, Section I – ITB 4.3 (read with SPN para 3), p.12	*RFB provision: "A firm that is a Bidder (either individually or as a JV member) shall not participate in more than one Bid, except for permitted alternative Bids."* We request the Purchaser to confirm that a Bidder may submit a Bid for one Lot only (e.g. Lot-2), and to state the envelope markings and the number of copies required for a single-Lot Bid. Please also confirm that such a Bid need not include any forms or price schedules for the other Lot.	Yes, if the bidder is submitting a bid for Lot -2 only, only applicable bid and documents required for Lot -2 is required to be submitted. For envelope marking and the number of copies requirement, please refer to ITB 21.1 to 21.5 (Sealing and Marking of Bids) and corresponding reference in Section II: Bid Data Sheet of the RFB.
32	Vol I, Section I – ITB 6.2, p.15	*RFB provision: "The Specific Procurement Notice - Request for Bids (RFB) issued by the Purchaser is not part of this bidding document."* The Notice states Lot quantities, Bid Security amounts and evaluation weightings. We request the Purchaser to confirm that the BDS and the bidding document sections prevail in any inconsistency with the Notice. Please also confirm that the Bid Security amounts, Lot descriptions and weightings in the BDS and Section III match the Notice. If they do not, please issue a corrigendum.	Yes, the Bidding documents (RFB) is in line with the Specific Procurement Notice (SPN) issued

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33	Vol I, Section I – ITB 12 (clause numbering) and ITB 26, p.18	*RFB provision: "The Bidder shall prepare the Letter of Bid – Technical Part, and Letter of Bid – Financial Part using the relevant forms furnished in Section IV, Bidding Forms."* ITB 12 is numbered '0.1', while ITB 14.3 and 14.4 cross-refer to 'ITB 12.1'. ITB 26 uses sub-clauses 26.a to 26.c and refers to 'ITB 26.2'. We request the Purchaser to confirm the correct clause numbering and cross-references, and to issue a corrigendum if needed.	The sub-clause number shall be amended as below: For ITB 12 (Letters of Bid); the sub-clause number **0.1** shall be read as **12.1** For ITB 26 (Confidentiality); the sub-clause numbers **26.a, 26.b & 26.c** shall be read as **26.1, 26.2 & 26.3** respectively Except for the above changes in the sub-clause numbers, all other contents remain unchanged.
34	Vol I, Section I – ITB 14.8(a)(ii), p.20	*RFB provision: "any Purchaser's Country sales tax and other taxes which will be payable on the Goods if the Contract is awarded to the Bidder; and"* We request the Purchaser to clarify the tax and duty treatment for this Bank-financed contract. Specifically: (a) Whether imported goods are exempt from customs duty, sales tax/GST and other import levies. (b) Whether the Purchaser will provide exemption certificates or clearance support. (c) Whether Bidders should quote prices inclusive or exclusive of such taxes, and which tax rates apply to services.	(a) Please refer to ITB 14 (Bid prices and Discounts) and particularly ITB 14.8 in Section-II (Bid Data Sheet) for details. (b) Please refer to the Price Schedule Forms available in Section-IV for all applicable cases (i.e. Goods Manufactured Outside the Purchaser's Country, to be Imported; Goods Manufactured Outside the Purchaser's Country, already imported; Goods Manufactured in the Purchaser's Country; Related Services; etc.). Also refer to ITB 14 (Bid prices and Discounts) and particularly ITB 14.8 in Section-II (Bid Data Sheet) for details. To know about the financial evaluation,

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		(d) How changes in tax law after bid submission will be treated.	also refer to ITB 34.5 (Purchaser's evaluation of a Bid will exclude and not consider). (c) Please refer to GCC 31.1 (Change in Laws and Regulations) of Section-VIII for details.
35	Vol I, Section I – ITB 15.1, p.21	*RFB provision: "The Bidder shall quote in the currency of the Purchaser's Country the portion of the Bid price that corresponds to expenditures incurred in the currency of the Purchaser's country, unless otherwise specified in the BDS."* We request the Purchaser to confirm (a) whether prices for imported goods may be quoted in US Dollars, with the portion corresponding to local expenditure quoted in Ngultrum as required by BDS ITB 15.1, and (b) whether payments will be made in the currencies of the Bid without exchange-rate adjustment.	The Bidder may express the Bid price in any freely convertible currency (no more than three foreign currencies) in addition to the currency of the Purchaser's Country. The currency(ies) of the Bid and the currency(ies) of payments shall be the same. Please refer to ITB 15.1 and 15.2 (Currencies of Bid and Payment) for more details.

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36	Vol I, Section I – ITB 16.4 (read with ITB 11.2(h) and ITB 11.4), p.22	*RFB provision: "The Bidder shall also furnish a list giving full particulars, including available sources and current prices of spare parts, special tools, etc., necessary for the proper and continuing functioning of the Goods during the period specified in the BDS"* ITB 16.4 requires a list with current prices of spare parts and special tools. ITB 11.2(h) places conformity evidence in the Technical Part. ITB 11.4 declares a Bid non-responsive if the Technical Part contains material financial information related to the Bid price. We request the Purchaser to clarify whether the spare-parts price list must go in the Technical Part or in the Financial Part. If it goes in the Technical Part, please confirm that its inclusion will not make the Bid non-responsive under ITB 11.4. Please also state the period (in years) referred to in the BDS.	Amendment to be issued: ITB 16.4 the list of spare parts and special tools. It should be read as **"Not Applicable".**
37	Vol I, Section I – ITB 32.2, p.34	*RFB provision: "The determination shall not take into consideration the qualifications of other firms such as the Bidder's subsidiaries, parent entities, affiliates, subcontractors (other than specialized subcontractors if permitted in the bidding document)"* We request the Purchaser to state whether specialized subcontractors are permitted under this contract. If so, please identify the activities that may be subcontracted (for example structured cabling, minor civil, electrical and partitioning works) and any limit on the percentage of the contract value. Please also state whether their experience may be counted toward the qualification criteria, and whether OEM or distributor support counts for this purpose.	The specialized subcontractors are not permitted under this contract.

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38	Vol I, Section I – ITB 32.3, p.34	*RFB provision: "Prior to Contract award, the Purchaser will verify that the successful Bidder (including each member of a JV) is not disqualified by the Bank due to noncompliance with contractual SEA/SH prevention and response obligations."* We request the Purchaser to clarify whether Bidders must declare proposed subcontractors, and their SEA/SH status, at bid stage or only after being identified as the successful Bidder. Please state the time allowed for proposing a replacement subcontractor under ITB 32.3 and whether this affects the contract schedule.	Yes, bidders are required to submit signed bidding form CON-3 for all JV partners and subcontractors if applicable.
39	Vol I, Section II – BDS ITB 17.2(a), p.49; Section VII – Technical Specifications (Items 19 and 20), p.225; List of Goods / Price Schedule (Lot-2)	*RFB provision: "Manufacturer's authorization is: … For Lot-2: Item No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 19, 20"* BDS ITB 17.2(a) requires a Manufacturer's Authorization for Lot-2 Item Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 19 and 20. These numbers follow the Section VII technical specifications, where Item 19 is the Fiber Optic Patch Cable 2m and Item 20 is the 24-port FODP. The Lot-2 List of Goods and Price Schedule, however, have only 19 line items (the patch cable is line 18 and the FODP is line 19). We request the Purchaser to confirm the items requiring a Manufacturer's Authorization by name: L3 Core Switch, L3 Distribution Switch, L2 Access Switch I, L2 Access Switch II, Smart Rack-mount PDU, Wi-Fi Access Point, Floor-standing UPS, Fiber Optic Patch Cable 2m and 24-port FODP.	The requirement shall be amended as below: Items requiring a Manufacturer's Authorization by name: **For Lot-1:** Item No. • 1-48F Flat FRP Armored Non-metallic Anti-Rodent Double Sheathed Aerial ADSS Fiber Optic cable, • 2-72F Flat FRP Armored Non-metallic Anti-Rodent Double Sheathed Aerial ADSS Fiber Optic cable, • 7-Joint Enclosure, • 8-48 Port FODP • 9-72 Port FODP **For Lot-2:** Item No. • 1-L3 Core Switch • 2- L3 Distribution Switch • 3-L2 Access Switch I • 4-L2 Access Switch II

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			• 8-Smart Rack mount Power Distribution Unit(PDU) • 10-High-End Wi-Fi Access Point • 11-Floor standing UPS • 19-Fiber Optic Patch Cable 2m SC-Duplex UPC to LC-Duplex UPC • 20-Fiber Optic Patch Cable 2m SC-Duplex UPC to LC-Duplex UPC
40	Vol I, Section III – Rated Criteria, Factor 4: Use of qualified labor for equipment installation service, p.70	*RFB provision: "Use of qualified labor for equipment installation service 75%-99% and above 2 50%-74% and above 1"* The scoring bands overlap or are unclear: '75%-99% and above' and '50%-74% and above', with 100% scoring 3. We request the Purchaser to confirm the bands as 100% = 3, 75% to less than 100% = 2, 50% to less than 75% = 1, and below 50% = 0 (or non-compliant). Please also state whether the percentage is measured by headcount or by man-days.	Amendment to be issued by deleting "and above" as follows: 75% - 99% 50% - 74% The percentage is measured by headcounts. Please refer to the Section-IV (Bidding Forms): Use of Qualified Labor (Form).

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41	Vol I, Section III – Rated Criteria, Factor 4: Use of qualified labor (Bhutanese), p.70	*RFB provision: "% of local labor (Bhutanese) force from the total labor force to be used for equipment installation services"* We request the Purchaser to clarify (a) how 'qualified' local labor is defined and what evidence is required in the Use of Qualified Labor Form, (b) whether the percentage committed at bid stage becomes a binding contractual obligation, and (c) the consequence if the committed percentage is not achieved (for example, deduction or remedy). Please confirm that the work of foreign OEM-certified engineers for commissioning is excluded from the 'total labor force'.	a) The use of 'qualified' local labor refers to someone with past experience of working in a similar geography and terrain and *who are qualified to work in a mountainous topography with rugged terrain. Supporting* evidence can be through resumes submitted or via a supporting letter from the employer who employed or engaged local labor in similar geographical terrain b) Yes. c) Key personnel are excluded from the 'total labor force'.
42	Vol I, Section III – Rated Criteria, Technician Specific Work Experience, p.70	*RFB provision: "Technician Specific Work Experience - Experience mounting rack units - switches and routers, managing DC/AC power distribution, and grounding/bonding"* The scoring bands for this sub-factor are 'More than 5 years – 3, 5 Years – 2, 4 Years – 1'. We request the Purchaser to clarify (a) the score for less than 4 years, (b) whether the score applies to each technician or to the average of the technicians proposed, (c) how many technicians must be proposed, and (d) what evidence (CVs, certificates, references) is required.	(a) Less than 4 years is 0 (b) Each technician will be individually evaluated against the weight of 0.75% and the total for 4 technicians is 3%. (c) Please refer to the minimum requirement [Paragraph 1(e) under Section-III] (d) CVs and past contract letters/experience certificates are required for the same.

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43	Vol I, Section III – Financial Part, 1. Margin of Preference (ITB 37), p.71	*RFB provision: "1. Margin of Preference (ITB 37) for each Lot – Not Applicable"* The heading says 'Not Applicable', yet the text sets out Groups A, B and C and a 15% CIP adjustment for Group C. We request the Purchaser to confirm that no margin of preference will be applied in either Lot and that Bids are compared on the Evaluated Bid Score alone regardless of origin.	Yes, Margin of preference is not Applicable to this RFB. Amendment to be issued.
44	Vol I, Section III – Combined Evaluation (Evaluated Bid Score), p.74	*RFB provision: "X = weight for the Cost as specified in the BDS"* The cost weight X in the Evaluated Bid Score formula is to be 'as specified in the BDS'. We request the Purchaser to confirm that X = 0.40 (i.e. 40% for the evaluated Bid cost and 60% for the Rated Criteria, as stated in para 5 of the Specific Procurement Notice), that the factor weights Wj are those shown in the Rated Criteria table, that C includes all price components of the Financial Part, and that the formula is applied separately for each Lot.	Yes, the weightage for Financial Cost is 40% and the weighting to be given for Technical Factors, including the use of Rated Criteria (including technical and non-price factors) is 60% for each lot. The calculation will be done separately for each lot.

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45	Vol I, Section III – Alternative Bids (ITB 13.1), p.75	*RFB provision: "A Bidder may submit an Alternative Bid (Technical and Financial Parts) only with a Bid for the base case."* The section is marked 'Not Applicable' but still contains both template alternatives. We request the Purchaser to confirm that Alternative Bids are not permitted. Please also confirm whether technically equivalent alternative makes/models of items within the base Bid are allowed, provided they meet the specifications.	Alternative bids are not permitted
46	Vol I, Section IV – Table of Forms; Price Schedule Forms, p.76	*RFB provision: "Price Schedule: Goods Manufactured Outside the Purchaser's Country, to be Imported"* Given that Margin of Preference is 'Not Applicable', we request the Purchaser to confirm which Price Schedule forms must be completed for Lot-2 (to be imported, already imported, manufactured in the Purchaser's Country, and Related Services). Please also state how locally supplied items and installation services should be entered in them.	The applicable price schedule and related services form must be filled in. For example, if the items/goods are to be imported, please fill in the price schedule forms (To be imported).

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47	Vol I, Section IV – Table of Forms, p.76	*RFB provision: "Letter of Bid – Technical Part 68 Technical Part 71 Technical Bid Checklist 72 Functional Guarantees 72"* The page numbers in the Table of Forms do not match the actual pages (for example, the Letter of Bid – Technical Part is listed at page 68 but appears at page 78). Several entries are also merged or out of order (Manufacturer's Authorization 84, Bidder Information Form 74, Form of Bid Security 89). We request the Purchaser to issue a corrected Table of Forms and confirm that all forms listed are provided in the bidding document.	Regarding discrepancies in the page numbers and ordering of entries in the Table of Forms, Please follow the actual pages in the RFB.

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48	Vol I, Section IV – Letter of Bid – Technical Part, (h) One Bid per Bidder, p.79	*RFB provision: "We are not submitting any other Bid(s) as an individual Bidder, and we are not participating in any other bid(s) as a Joint Venture member or as a subcontractor"* We request the Purchaser to confirm that an OEM or manufacturer that issues a Manufacturer's Authorization, or supplies goods or cable to more than one Bidder, is not considered to be 'participating as a subcontractor' under ITB 4.3. Equally, please confirm that the same OEM authorisation may be provided to several Bidders.	More than one bidder can have Manufacturer's Authorization from the same OEM. The two bidders with MAF from the same OEM will not be considered as subcontractors.
49	Vol I, Section IV – Letter of Bid – Technical Part, (i) Suspension and Debarment, p.79	*RFB provision: "We, along with any of our subcontractors, suppliers, consultants, manufacturers, or service providers for any part of the contract, are not subject to, and not controlled by any entity or individual"* The declaration covers all suppliers and service providers 'for any part of the contract', including those not yet identified at bid stage. We request the Purchaser to confirm that the declaration applies to the parties named in the Bid at the time of submission, and that parties appointed after award need only be screened against the World Bank debarment list at appointment.	Yes

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50	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Letter of Bid (signature block footnote **), p.80	*RFB provision: "Person signing the Bid shall have the power of attorney given by the Bidder. The power of attorney shall be attached with the Bid Schedules."* The term 'Bid Schedules' is not defined, and the Bid is submitted in two parts (Technical Part and Financial Part). We request the Purchaser to clarify in which envelope or part the power of attorney must be placed. We also ask the Purchaser to confirm (a) whether a single power of attorney covering both the Technical and Financial Parts is acceptable, and (b) whether notarisation, apostille or legalisation is required for a Bidder registered outside Bhutan, or whether a notarised or board-resolution-backed copy is sufficient.	Please submit the Power of Attorney with the Technical Part. (a) Yes, the power of attorney to sign the bid will cover both Technical and financial bid. (b) Please refer to ITB 20.3 clause and corresponding reference in Section II: Bid Data Sheet of the RFB.
51	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Technical Part (bidder qualification documentation), p.81	*RFB provision: "Bidders must submit bid documentation demonstrating bidder qualifications in the following areas: (1) Experience deploying similar equipment in Bhutan (2) Technical plan for provision of related services"* Item (1) requires experience deploying similar equipment in Bhutan. We request the Purchaser to clarify (a) whether this is a mandatory pass/fail requirement or a scored item, (b) what 'similar equipment' means for Lot 2 (e.g., ADSS/fibre infrastructure, LAN/switching, wireless), and (c) whether comparable deployments in other countries or in similar terrain can be accepted where the Bidder has no Bhutan references, subject to the local agent arrangement in the same paragraph.	(a) Yes, it is mandatory. (b) Similar refers to either networking or telecommunications infrastructure related equipment (c) Yes, comparable deployments in other countries or in similar terrain shall be accepted.

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52	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Technical Part (items 2–4), p.81	*RFB provision: "(2) Technical plan for provision of related services (3) After-sale support and service (4) Technical experience performing similar contracts"* The format, content and page limits for items (2), (3) and (4) are not stated. We request the Purchaser to clarify (a) whether they are evaluated pass/fail or scored, and if scored, under which Rated Criteria, (b) whether item (4) is the same as the experience requirement in Section III, Qualification Criteria, or an additional requirement, and (c) the minimum content expected for after-sale support (e.g., response times, spares stocking, support hours).	There is no prescribed format or page limit for submitting the Technical Plan, after sales support and service & Technical experience performing similar contracts. Amendment to be issued: (a) The submission of item 1 to 4 is mandatory. However, the requirement may not feature in the rated criteria (b) Item (4) specifically requires the bidder to demonstrate the firm's technical experience while the Section-III Qualification Criteria requirement is for the proposed team. (c) It is provided as part of repair and replacement TAT.
53	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Technical Part (Bhutan agent), p.81	*RFB provision: "If Bidder does not operate in Bhutan, Bidder must identify Bidder's agent in Bhutan equipped and able to carry out the Supplier's maintenance, repair and spare parts-stocking obligations"* We request the Purchaser to clarify (a) what 'operate in Bhutan' means (local registration, branch office or a permanent presence), (b) what evidence is required to show the agent is 'equipped and able' (e.g., trade licence, staff, stores, tools), (c) whether the agent is treated as a subcontractor for the purposes of the subcontracting and SEA/SH declarations, and (d) whether the agent may be a local company with which the Bidder has a	(a) 'Operate in Bhutan' refers to companies operating in Bhutan and authorized by the relevant authority. (b) Trade License (c) No, the agent shall not be considered a subcontractor (d) Yes, the agent can be a local company with which the Bidder has a service agreement only, without an authorization letter from the OEM.

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54	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Technical Part (deviations), p.81	*RFB provision: "if applicable, a statement of deviations and exceptions to the provisions of the Section VII, Schedule of Requirements."* No form for the statement of deviations and exceptions is provided. We request the Purchaser to confirm (a) the format in which deviations should be listed (e.g., a separate schedule by item and clause number), and (b) that offering technically equivalent or superior alternatives, as permitted for brand names and standards, will not be treated as a material deviation, provided equivalence is demonstrated.	Alternative bid or deviation shall not be accepted. a. The statement of deviations and exceptions to the provisions of the Section VII, Schedule of Requirements is not mandatory. b. Technically equivalent or superior equipment are allowed and will not be treated as material deviations, provided the technical requirement of the Purchaser is met and equivalence is demonstrated.

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55	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Functional Guarantees, p.82	*RFB provision: "Functional Guarantees Not Applicable The Bidder shall copy in the left column of the table below; the identification of each functional guarantee required in the Specification"* The Functional Guarantees form is marked 'Not Applicable', but the Technical Part instructions on the previous page state 'Any required functional guarantees shall be provided'. The form text also refers to guarantees 'required in the Specification'. We request the Purchaser to confirm that no functional guarantees (e.g., throughput, availability, optical loss budget) are required for either Lot, and that the table need not be submitted.	The Functional Guarantee is not applicable
56	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Technical Bid Checklist, p.82	*RFB provision: "Technical Requirement No. _ Technical Requirement: [insert: description of requirement] Bidder's technical bid/ compliance: Bidder's cross references to supporting information in the Technical Bid:"* We request the Purchaser to confirm (a) that the Technical Requirement numbers in this checklist correspond to numbered items in Section VII, Schedule of Requirements, and (b) whether the checklist may be submitted as a tabular or spreadsheet compliance matrix covering all requirements, rather than one form per requirement.	(a) Yes, the Technical Requirement numbers in this checklist correspond to numbered items in Section VII, Schedule of Requirements (b) Yes, the checklist may be submitted as a tabular or spreadsheet compliance matrix covering all requirements

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57	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Manufacturer's Authorization (wording), p.83	*RFB provision: "We [insert complete name of Manufacturer], who are official manufacturers of [insert type of goods manufactured], having factories at [insert full address of Manufacturer's factories]"* Some OEMs issue authorisations through regional or global headquarters, or manufacture through contract or ODM factories. We request the Purchaser to confirm that an authorisation signed by the OEM's authorised regional or head-office representative is acceptable, and that the form may be adapted (e.g., to list several factory locations or an OEM-confirmed contract manufacturer) without being treated as an alteration of the form.	The Manufacturer's Authorization issued through regional or global headquarters is acceptable.
58	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Bidder Information Form, item 8, p.85	*RFB provision: "Included are the organizational chart, a list of Board of Directors, and the beneficial ownership."* We request the Purchaser to clarify the level of beneficial ownership disclosure required at bid stage. Specifically: (a) the shareholding or control threshold that defines a beneficial owner, (b) whether publicly listed or state-owned Bidders may submit a statement of major shareholders instead, and (c) whether the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form is required only from the successful Bidder, as the form implies.	The Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form is required only from the successful Bidder

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59	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee), p.88	*RFB provision: "[The bank shall fill in this Bank Guarantee Form in accordance with the instructions indicated.]"* We request the Purchaser to confirm which issuers are acceptable for the Bid Security. In particular: (a) whether a guarantee issued directly by a reputable foreign bank is accepted without a counter-guarantee or confirmation by a Bhutanese bank, (b) whether a list of approved banks exists, and (c) whether a guarantee issued through SWIFT and presented as a PDF/electronic copy at bid submission is acceptable, with the original to follow.	Please refer to ITB 19 (Bid Security) clause and corresponding reference in Section II: Bid Data Sheet of the RFB. Particularly, ITB 19.3 says about the bid security forms.
60	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) – expiry, p.88	*RFB provision: "or (ii) twenty-eight days after the expiry date of the Bid validity."* The form ties expiry to 'twenty-eight days after the expiry date of the Bid validity' but contains no fixed expiry date, while demands must be received 'on or before that date'. We request the Purchaser to confirm (a) that the Bid Security validity required in the BDS equals Bid validity plus 28 days, (b) that a guarantee stating a fixed calendar expiry date satisfying this is acceptable to the Purchaser, and (c) that an extension of Bid validity requires the Bidder to extend the guarantee only if the Bidder agrees to the extension.	(a) Bid security shall be valid for twenty-eight (28) days beyond the original date of expiry of the Bid validity, or beyond any extended date. (b) Yes, the Bank guarantee for bid security must be valid 28 days beyond the bid validity period. This is the standard form used in the SPD. (c) Yes, the request for bid validity extension will be made by the purchase if required

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61	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) – amount and currency, p.88	*RFB provision: "irrevocably undertake to pay the Beneficiary any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of _____ (_____)"* The form does not state the currency of the Bid Security. We request the Purchaser to confirm that the guarantee may be issued in US Dollars (the currency in which the amount is stated in the Notice), or alternatively in a freely convertible currency or Ngultrum, as set out in the footnote to the Bid Bond form. Please also confirm that no conversion rate or date adjustment applies.	Yes, the currencies of the bid security may be in US$ or an equivalent amount in any freely convertible currency as stated in the Specific Procurement Notice and ITB 19.1 of the RFB
62	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Form of Bid Security (Bid Bond), p.90	*RFB provision: "Form of Bid Security (Bid Bond) Not Applicable [The Surety shall fill in this Bid Bond Form in accordance with the instructions indicated.]"* The Bid Bond form is marked 'Not Applicable' but its full text is retained. We request the Purchaser to confirm that only the Bank Guarantee form on page 88 is accepted as Bid Security. Please also confirm whether other instruments (e.g., certified cheque, bankers' draft or insurance surety bond) may be used in lieu of the Bank Guarantee.	Yes, Bid Bond is not Applicable. Please refer Section I: Instruction to Bidders (ITB) 19.3 for the acceptable bid security instruments

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63	Vol I, Section IV – Form of Bid-Securing Declaration, p.92	*RFB provision: "We understand that, according to your conditions, Bids must be supported by a Bid-Securing Declaration."* The form is marked 'Not Applicable' but its full text is retained. We request the Purchaser to confirm that a Bid-Securing Declaration is not acceptable in place of the required Bid Security, and that only the Bank Guarantee form is to be submitted.	The Bid Securing Declaration is Not Acceptable and not applicable
64	Vol I, Section IV – Additional Documents (ITB 11.2), item 3 / Extended Software License Support (Form), p.93	*RFB provision: "This quoted price must not be included within the base-bid price; and it will not be a part of evaluation."* The extended-support price is a priced item, but the Additional Documents are submitted under ITB 11.2, which relates to the Technical Part. We request the Purchaser to confirm which envelope must contain the Extended Software License Support (Form): the Technical Part or the Financial Part. We propose the Financial Part, so that no price information appears in the Technical Part.	Extended Software License Support (Form) to be included in Financial part of the bid

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65	Vol I, Section IV – Additional Documents (ITB 11.2), item 3, p.93	*RFB provision: "Perpetual software licenses will support all features mentioned in the specification throughout the life cycle of the equipment (License should be activated from day 1 and valid until end of life of the equipment)."* 'End of life (EOL)' is not defined. We request the Purchaser to confirm which EOL milestone applies: end-of-sale, end-of-software-maintenance or end-of-support, as published by the OEM. This requirement for perpetual licences valid until EOL also differs from Section VII, Items 1–4 (Required License, e.g. p.190), which require licences valid for a minimum of five (5) years from the Certificate of Acceptance, with the renewal list price disclosed beyond year 5. Please confirm which requirement governs, and whether subscription-based features (controller, management or security licences) must be perpetual and covered until EOL within the base price.	End-of-Life refers to the end of software support as published by OEM. Subscription based features critical to meet the technical requirement of the Purchaser and where OEM allows should be priced until EOL as above as a separate line item. Where OEM does not allow for perpetual cover until EOL as described, Purchaser requires that the bidder 1) describe the cost and timeline of cover provided for 5 years as part of the base price, 2) ongoing costs to be incurred after end of 5 years. Amendment to be issued.
66	Vol I, Section IV – Additional Documents (ITB 11.2), item 1 – E-waste management approach, p.93	*RFB provision: "Detail segregation and disposal plan of the e-waste"* We request the Purchaser to clarify (a) the types and approximate quantities of decommissioned equipment under Lot-2 (including items removed under Related Service 5, Dismantling of Existing Network Infrastructure); (b) whether ownership of the decommissioned equipment passes to the Supplier or remains with the Purchaser; (c) whether the Supplier must transport the e-waste, and to which authorised facility in Bhutan; and (d) whether the Supplier bears the disposal cost or it is reimbursed.	a. Please refer VOLUME-II-ANNEXURE-I-C. b. Ownership of the decommissioned equipment remains with purchaser c. The supplier may transport decommissioned equipment to the nearest Dzongkhag ICT office. d. Purchaser will bear the disposal cost; Supplier only bears the transportation cost to the Dzongkhag ICT office.

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67	Vol I, Section IV – Additional Documents (ITB 11.2), item 2 – After-sales services plan, p.93	*RFB provision: "Response time for addressing complaints or service requests."* No minimum service levels are given. We request the Purchaser to state the required response and resolution times by severity, the support hours, and the sites where onsite support is required. Please also confirm whether the plan is scored or pass/fail, and whether the committed response times will be binding in the Contract.	Bidders will submit their proposal on these points in accordance with ITB 11.2 (i) & 11.3 (d).
68	Vol I, Section IV – Additional Documents (ITB 11.2), item 1 – E-waste management approach, p.93	*RFB provision: "Indicate the designated E&S focal from the proposed project team"* We request the Purchaser to confirm whether the E&S focal is an additional key-personnel position or may be a member of the proposed project team who has another role. Please also state any required qualifications or experience, and whether the E&S focal's CV will be evaluated.	E&S focal can be proposed from the member of the proposed project team with a dual role. E&S focal shall coordinate with the Purchaser to comply with the Bank's E&S requirements.

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69	Vol I, Section IV – Additional Documents (ITB 11.2), item 3, p.93; Extended Software License Support (Form), p.98	*RFB provision: "the option to exercise later, if needed, with the winning bidder without inflating costs at this stage."* We request the Purchaser to clarify (a) whether the quoted yearly extended-support prices will be binding on the Supplier and incorporated into the Contract; (b) for how long the Purchaser may exercise the option; (c) whether annual escalation is allowed; and (d) the currency and tax treatment of these prices.	Please refer to Para 3 (A separate quote for extended support beyond EOL) under the title "Additional Documents in accordance with ITB clause 11.2 for each Lot" in Section-IV (Bidding Forms)
70	Vol I, Section IV – Response to Description of Works (Form), p.94	*RFB provision: "The Bidder shall respond to the requirements mentioned in the Description of Works (SL-6) as available in Section-VII Schedule of Requirements for each lot"* The form contains only a note and no response template. We request the Purchaser to (a) provide the expected format, content and page limit of the response; (b) confirm that 'Description of Works (SL-6)' is the correct reference in Section VII; and (c) confirm that the marking scheme for this response (Section III, Para 2.3, SL-2) will be published or is already set out.	a. There is no standard template /format and page limit for the response to description of work b. Yes, 'Description of Works (SL-6)' is the correct reference in Section VII. c. Yes, the marking scheme for this response is already published and set under Installation and related service methodology, RFB page no. 69

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71	Vol I, Section IV – Qualification of Key Personnel (Form), p.95	*RFB provision: "In addition, experience claim should also be supported by documentary evidence."* The form has columns for 'Year of General Experience' and 'Year of Specific Experience', but neither term is defined. We request the Purchaser to (a) define general and specific experience; (b) state the documentary evidence accepted for personnel experience (for example employer certificates, contracts or reference letters); and (c) confirm whether experience gained outside Bhutan counts.	(a) 'Year of General Experience' refers to the experience of the proposed team members' working experience irrespective of its nature of job. 'Year of Specific Experience' refers to the experience relevant to the position proposed. (b) Any documentary evidence supporting the years of experience in the form of CVs, employer certificates, contracts and/or reference letters are accepted. (c) Yes, the experience gained outside Bhutan counts.
72	Vol I, Section IV – Use of Qualified Labor (Form), p.96	*RFB provision: "All information provided on the table below should be part of the contract agreement and be enforced during contract implementation"* The form asks only for 'approximate' labor numbers, yet these figures become enforceable contract terms. We request the Purchaser to confirm (a) the tolerance or flexibility permitted if actual deployment differs from the estimate; (b) the remedy or penalty for any shortfall in local labor with Bhutan experience; and (c) that this is not a pass/fail requirement and that approximate numbers will not give rise to liquidated damages.	(a) The bidder must propose the estimated local labor in absolute number. The Purchaser may extend the flexibility of local laborers based on the progress of the project. (b) Yes, the percentage committed at bid stage (based on the approximate numbers estimated at bid stage) is a contractual obligation. Should these contractual obligations be at risk of able to be fulfilled due to non-availability of sufficient local labour, the team will pursue appliable remedies based on the impact of non-compliance. These will be discussed with the winning bidder at pre-contract award stage. Non-compliance with the exact percentage committed at bid stage will not directly give rise to liquidated damages, however, the progress achieved owing to shortage of labour may result in such claims.

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73	Vol I, Section IV – Curriculum Vitae (Form), p.97	*RFB provision: "The Bidder shall provide details of the proposed personnel for each lot"* The Curriculum Vitae form shows only a note and no template. We request the Purchaser to provide the CV format, or confirm that a standard format is acceptable. Please also state any page limit, and whether signed availability or commitment letters from the proposed personnel are required.	CV of standard format is acceptable, however, the qualification and experience requirements as mentioned in the Paragraph 1(e) [Qualifications of Key Personnel/ Project Team Bidding for the Lots (Lot-1 & Lot-2)] under Section-III. must be highlighted to facilitate the evaluation process. The signed availability or commitment letters from the proposed personnel are required if the contract is awarded
74	Vol I, Section IV – Extended Software License Support (Form), p.98	*RFB provision: "LOT-1 1 / LOT-2 34 [Line Item Name and Estimated Yearly Price columns blank]"* The form shows only 'LOT-1 – 1' and 'LOT-2 – 34' in the Line Item No. column, and the Line Item Name and price cells are blank. We request the Purchaser to (a) state which Lot-2 line items (equipment or licence types) must be priced; (b) state whether '34' is a quantity, a line-item number or an error; (c) state the number of years beyond EOL for which a yearly price is required; and (d) provide the completed line-item list.	(a) Bidders are requested to refer to the Lot-2 Price Schedule in the bidding document for the applicable equipment, licence types, and corresponding items to be priced. The relevant line item names and prices shall be provided in accordance with the applicable Price Schedule. (b) There is a typo error in the form. The entry "34" in the Line Item No. column for Lot-2 was mistakenly indicated and represents a serial number, not a quantity or line-item number. (c) End-of-life as defined above is the end of software support for the product by the OEM. Pricing is to be indicated for five years or until EOL.

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			(d) Completed line-item list is available in the Lot-2 price schedule.
75	Vol I, Section IV – Price Schedule (Lot-2) and Price and Completion Schedule – Related Services (Lot-2), pp.104–106 and 120	*RFB provision: "Structured Cabling I/O points (No) 1238 Points … Outdoor UTP uplink from CPE to Access Switch (point, No) 30 Points … Installation, Configuration and Commissioning (Related Services, Lot-2)"* The Lot-2 Price Schedule for goods includes work-type lines such as Structured Cabling I/O points (1,238 points), Outdoor UTP uplink (30 points) and the 16A socket 'including casing and capping wiring' (97 Nos), while the Related Services schedule for Lot-2 (p.120) has a separate line for Installation, Configuration and Commissioning. We request the Purchaser to confirm whether the installation labour for these work-type lines is to be included in the goods unit price or in the Related Services price, so that it is not priced twice.	The amendment to be issued as below: Price and Completion Schedule - Related Services (Lot-2) Transportation of Equipment

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76	Vol I, Section IV – Price Schedule (Lot-2), line items 17–19, p.106	*RFB provision: "24F Double Jacket Aerial Anti-Rodent ADSS Optic Fiber Cable 2345 and Mtr"* Lot-2 includes 2,345 m of 24F aerial ADSS cable but no tension clamps, suspension clamps, cross arms or splice enclosures; Lot-1 has these items for its own fibre. We request the Purchaser to clarify whether the Lot-2 aerial cable is to be installed using accessories supplied under Lot-1, or whether Lot-2 Bidders must include them in their unit prices. If they are to be included, please state the span lengths and the approximate number of poles along the Lot-2 routes.	The tension clamps, suspension clamps, cross arms, splice enclosures and any other missing accessories relating to fiber works under Lot-2 shall be provided by the Purchaser.
77	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Price Schedule (Lot-2), line items 18-19, p.106	*RFB provision: "71 and Nos 19 24 ports Fiber Optical Distribution Panel (FODP) 20 and Nos."* The Lot-2 schedule has no lines for SFP/SFP+/QSFP transceivers, fibre pigtails, adapters or splice trays, although switches, patch cables and FODPs need them. We request the Purchaser to clarify whether these items must be included in the unit price of the related switch or FODP, and to state the type, speed and quantity required (for example SFP+ 10G SR/LR). If they are not required, please confirm that the Purchaser or others will supply them.	SFP/SFP+ transceivers shall be provided by the Purchaser. Both Joint Enclosure and FODP are expected to be fully-loaded with required pigtails, joint sleeves, and splice trays as specified in Technical Specifications.

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78	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Price Schedule (Lot-2), line item 15, p.106	*RFB provision: "16A 3Pin Switch Socket Combined With Box including casing and caping wiring 97 and Nos"* Line item 15, the 16A 3-pin socket with box 'including casing and capping wiring', is quoted per number. We request the Purchaser to state the cable specification (size and type), the wiring length per socket and the point of connection, such as the nearest distribution board. Please also confirm whether MCBs or distribution board work, earthing and testing, and any statutory electrical inspection or certification are included in the unit price.	This requirement will be amended as below: 2.5 sq mm copper cable, earthing cable 1 sq mm, Bidders may consider 25 meters per socket. Earthing and testing shall be conducted by the bidders.
79	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Price Schedule, goods already imported, Cols. 11-12, p.107	*RFB provision: "Sales and other taxes paid or payable per item if Contract is awarded (in accordance with ITB 14.8(c)(iv) Total Price per line item (Col. 9+10)"* In the 'already imported' schedules (including the Lot-2 schedule on page 110), Col. 12 'Total Price per line item' is defined as 'Col. 9+10'. That formula excludes Col. 11, 'Sales and other taxes paid or payable per item if Contract is awarded'. We request the Purchaser to clarify whether the total should be Col. 9+10+11, or whether sales taxes in Col. 11 are shown separately and excluded from the total used for bid evaluation and the contract price. Please also confirm that the 'to be imported' schedule, which has no sales tax column, is evaluated on the same basis.	Please refer to ITB 14 (Bid prices and Discounts) and particularly ITB 14.8 in Section-II (Bid Data Sheet) for details. Also please refer to the Price Schedule Forms available in Section-IV for all applicable cases (i.e. Goods Manufactured Outside the Purchaser's Country, to be Imported; Goods Manufactured Outside the Purchaser's Country, already imported; Goods Manufactured in the Purchaser's Country; Related Services; etc.). To know about the financial evaluation methodology, also refer to ITB 34.5 (Purchaser's evaluation of a Bid will exclude and not consider).

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80	Vol I, Section IV – Bidding Forms, Price Schedule (Lot-2), goods already imported, p.110	*RFB provision: "Price Schedule: Goods Manufactured Outside the Purchaser's Country, already imported* (Lot-2)"* The Lot-2 'already imported' schedule on pages 110-112 ends at line item 18 (Fiber Optic Patch Cable 2m). It omits line item 19 (24 ports FODP, 20 Nos), which appears in the Lot-2 'to be imported' schedule on page 106. It also has no 'Total Bid Price' row, unlike the Lot-1 equivalent on page 109. We request the Purchaser to confirm whether line item 19 and the total row were omitted in error and to issue a corrected form. Please also confirm that the Lot-2 line items and quantities are identical in both schedules. Finally, please provide the text of the footnote marked by the asterisk after 'already imported'.	We checked and confirmed that there is no error. Please check p.113
81	Vol I, Section IV – Price Schedule: Goods Manufactured in the Purchaser's Country, Col. 8, p.114	*RFB provision: "Cost of local labor, raw materials and components from with origin in the Purchaser's Country % of Col. 5"* Column 8 is headed '% of Col. 5' (the EXW unit price), while the bracketed instruction says it is 'as a % of the EXW price per line item', which is Col. 6. We request the Purchaser to confirm the base for the percentage (Col. 5 or Col. 6). Please also confirm that the percentage is for information and is not an evaluation or compliance criterion, and state any documents required to support it.	This is % of Col 6. and is for information, not an evaluation criterion.

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82	Vol I, Section VII – Schedule of Requirements, Contents, p.126	*RFB provision: "List of Goods and Delivery Schedule 1282. List of Related Services and Completion Schedule 1343. Technical Specifications 1394. Drawings 108 5. Inspections and Tests 229"* The contents list gives page numbers that do not match this copy: the List of Goods starts at page 127, Related Services at page 133, and 'Drawings' is shown as 108. We request the Purchaser to confirm that the complete Section VII (including Technical Specifications, Drawings and Inspections and Tests) is part of the bidding document. Please also confirm that no pages are missing between the Related Services schedule and the Technical Specifications.	Regarding discrepancies in the page numbers and ordering of entries in the Table of Forms, Please follow the actual pages in the RFB.
83	Vol I, Section VII – Schedule of Requirements, 1. List of Goods and Delivery Schedule (and 2. Related Services), p.127	*RFB provision: "Days following the date of effectiveness of the Contract"* Goods delivery is counted from the 'date of effectiveness of the Contract', while all Related Services are counted from 'Contract Commencement'. We request the Purchaser to confirm that these refer to the same date. Please also state the event that fixes it (signature, Purchaser's notice to proceed, advance payment or guarantee receipt, or other conditions).	'Date of effectiveness of the Contract', and 'Contract Commencement' refers to the day the contract is signed, and are the same date.

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84	Vol I, Section VII – Related Services, Lot-2, Service 1 (Site Preparation) and Service 2 (Design and Network Planning), p.135	*RFB provision: "Detailed site survey, assessment of existing ICT infrastructure, verification of connectivity requirements, and preparation for LAN installation and enhancement works."* Site Preparation and Design/Network Planning for all 57 sites are each due within 45 days from Contract Commencement, while equipment must reach the sites within 90 days. We request the Purchaser to clarify (a) whether the 45 days include the Purchaser's review and approval of the LAN designs; (b) the Purchaser's review period, and whether the Supplier may order and ship equipment before design approval; (c) whether the Purchaser will give site access and the existing network documentation; and	(a) The design has already been shared in the Vol-II. The 45 days includes both site preparation and physical verification of the sites based on the proposal submitted by the bidder. This does not include review and approval time for designs. In case of any delay in approvals from the Purchaser's end, equivalent time extension for the equipment to reach the sites shall be provided to the Supplier. (b) Supplier may order and ship equipment before final design approval by the Purchaser as the Purchaser does not expect much deviation from the design shared in the Vol-II. (c) Purchaser will provide the site access and the existing additional network documentation.
85	Vol I, Section VII – Schedule of Requirements, 2. List of Related Services, Lot-2, Service 3, p.136	*RFB provision: "Transportation of all required LAN equipment including switches, routers, structured cabling (Cat6 /fiber), racks, patch panels, and accessories to respective sites."* The description of Service 3 (and Service 4, 'configuration of switches and routers') refers to routers, but the Lot-2 List of Goods (items 1-19) and the Lot-2 Price Schedule contain no router line item. We request the Purchaser to confirm whether routers are within the Supplier's scope. If they are, please give the quantity, the technical specification and the site allocation, and add a priced line item. If they are not, please confirm that the reference to routers is to be disregarded.	Amendment to be issued: Bidders are requested to note that the reference to routers in Service 3 is to be disregarded. No routers are required.

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86	Vol I, Section VII – Schedule of Requirements, 2. List of Related Services, Lot-2, Service 6 (Acceptance Testing), p.136	*RFB provision: "Conduct acceptance testing including connectivity tests, bandwidth verification, network performance validation, and compliance with technical specifications."* Lot-2 acceptance testing (including connectivity and bandwidth verification) is due within 215 days and handover within 245 days from Contract Commencement. Lot-1 fibre installation is due within 295 days and its acceptance testing within 320 days. We request the Purchaser to confirm whether the last-mile links needed for Lot-2 acceptance will be available and live from the Lot-1 routes or from other providers before day 215. Please also confirm that delays caused by incomplete last-mile connectivity will not count against the Lot-2 Supplier. If they will, please state the required sequencing or a revised Lot-2 completion schedule.	Suppliers for Lot-2 may test the LAN - both new and enhancement - using the existing trunk link.
87	Vol I, Section VII – Related Services, Lot-2, Service 5 (Dismantling of Existing Network Infrastructure), p.136	*RFB provision: "Dismantling of the existing network infrastructure includes the safe removal of network equipment, cabling, racks, and related components, with proper handling and disposal or relocation as required."* Service 5 is quoted as 42 'Per/Rack' but the place is given as 'New connection Sites'. New sites would normally have no existing network, and the enhancement sites are the 32 existing agencies. We request the Purchaser to clarify (a) at which sites dismantling is required and the rack count per site; (b) what a 'rack' unit covers (the rack and its contents, or the contents only); (c) who decides between disposal and relocation, and where relocated items are delivered; and	New sites have temporary infrastructure with no standard structured cabling. Under this lot, they will need to be replaced with structured cabling. (a) The list of sites requiring dismantling is provided in Volume II of the bidding document. (b) Rack coverage is specified in technical specification and covers both rack and its contents. (c) The Supplier will transport any equipment to the nearest ICT Dzongkhag office, and the Purchaser shall make decisions regarding both disposal and relocation. (d) The scope includes removing all existing LAN infrastructure.

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		(d) whether cabling removal in walls or trunking is included.	
88	Vol I, Section VII – Schedule of Requirements, 2. List of Related Services, Lot-2, Service 7 (Verification and Handing-Taking Over), p.137	*RFB provision: "Joint inspection with respective agency/Dzongkhag ICT officials and formal handover after successful verification and rectification of defects."* The handover steps depend on joint inspection by agency or Dzongkhag ICT officials. We request the Purchaser to confirm (a) the period within which the Purchaser will carry out joint inspections and issue acceptance or a defect list; (b) that days lost waiting for Purchaser staff are excluded from the Supplier's completion period; (c) that a site is deemed accepted if the Purchaser does not inspect within the stated period; and (d) that the warranty period starts from the handover of each site, or states the actual starting point.	(a) The period allocated for joint inspection and the issuance of an acceptance test report or a defect list is 30 days after the completion of the acceptance test. Please note that the installation, commissioning, integration, and dismantling of existing network infrastructure must be planned simultaneously, not linearly. (b) Equivalent time extension owing to any delay from the Purchaser's end shall be provided to the Supplier. (c) Site is not deemed accepted even if the Purchaser does not inspect within the stated period. Rather the time extension shall be provided as indicated above. (d) The warranty period starts after completion of successful acceptance testing and inspection sign-off.

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89	Vol I, Section VII – Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 1, L3 Core Switch (TAC Support and Warranty), pp.190–191	*RFB provision: "TAC Support: 3 Year access to OEM TAC support team … Warranty: 1 year warranty (warranty shall come into effect after completion of successful acceptance testing)."* The L3 Core Switch requires 3 years of OEM TAC support but only a 1-year hardware warranty. If TAC diagnoses a hardware fault in years 2 or 3, the replacement would fall outside the warranty and the fault could not be resolved under the contract. We request the Purchaser to align the warranty and TAC support periods (both 1 year or both 3 years), or to confirm that hardware replacement (RMA) during the TAC support period is to be included.	The warranty period is 1 year while the TAC support is 3 years for firmware technical support. The Purchaser shall be fully responsible for any hardware failure after the warranty period. Replacement of hardware is during the warranty period.
90	Vol I, Section VII – Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 2, L3 Distribution Switch (PoE budget), p.191	*RFB provision: "Minimum 4 ports Multigigabit (10G/2.5G/1G/100M) with PoE+, 4 ports 1G (1G/100M/10M) with PoE+ … (Total PoE+ budget support of 270 Watt"* The L3 Distribution Switch has 8 PoE+ ports. At the IEEE 802.3at (PoE+) maximum of 30 W per port, all 8 ports together draw at most 240 W. We request the Purchaser to accept a total PoE+ budget of 240 W, which powers all 8 ports at full PoE+ simultaneously, or to explain the requirement for 270 W.	The requirement is be amended as below: Port Density: Minimum 4 ports Multigigabit (10G/2.5G/1G/100M) with PoE+, 4 ports 1G (1G/100M/10M) with PoE+ and Uplink of 2x1/10 SFP/SFP+. (Total PoE+ budget support of 240 W, all the fiber ports should support DWDM and CWDM Optics as well as gray optics - ZR+, ZR, ER, LR, IR, SR)

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91	Vol I, Section VII – Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 2, L3 Distribution Switch, p.194, and Item 4, L2 Access Switch II, p.200 (Operating environment)	*RFB provision: "Operating environment: 0 °C to +45 °C operating temperature; 10–90% relative humidity, non-condensing."* Items 2 and 4 require an operating temperature range of 0 °C to +45 °C. These switches will be installed indoors in agency network rooms and wall-mounted racks. We request the Purchaser to accept an operating range of 0 °C to +40 °C for Items 2 and 4, which is the standard rating of many enterprise switch models and is adequate for indoor installation in Bhutan.	Cannot consider the request. The requirement will remain unchanged
92	Vol I, Section VII – Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 3, L2 Access Switch I (Layer 3 features), p.197	*RFB provision: "IPv6 Routing Entries: 2000"* Item 3 is a Layer 2 access switch. We request the Purchaser to confirm that IPv6 routing is not required for this switch, or, if it is required, to accept a minimum of 1,500 IPv6 routing entries.	Cannot consider the request. The requirement will remain unchanged

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93	Vol I, Section VII – Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 4, L2 Access Switch II, p.202	*RFB provision: "Stacking support - up to 4 switches in a stack"* L2 Access Switch II will generally be deployed as a single unit at each location, so stacking would not be used. We request the Purchaser to remove the stacking requirement for Item 4, or to make it optional.	Amendment to be issued: Stacking support is not mandatory.
94	Vol I, Section VII – Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 9, Structured Cabling I/O points, pp.205–206; Price Schedule (Lot-2), line item 9, p.105	*RFB provision: "Cable type: Category 6 (Cat6) or Category 6A (Cat6A) UTP/FTP"* Section VII, Item 9 (pp.205–206) allows the cable type to be 'Category 6 (Cat6) or Category 6A (Cat6A) UTP/FTP' and lists single, dual and quad outlets. We request the Purchaser to confirm (a) whether Cat6 or Cat6A is required; (b) what one 'point' includes (horizontal cable run, outlet/faceplate, jack, patch-panel termination, labelling, testing/certification, and conduit or trunking); (c) whether a point is one RJ45 port or one faceplate; and (d) the average and maximum horizontal run length to be assumed for pricing.	(a) Cat6A is required. (b) One network point shall include the complete installation of a horizontal network cable run from the patch panel to the user outlet, patch-panel termination, labelling, testing and certification, and conduit or trunking as required, in accordance with the technical specifications. (c) It is an RJ45 port, not a faceplate. (d) While the exact cable length may depend on the proposed design submitted by individual bidders, bidders may consider an average of 20 meters per point for the purpose of working out the estimate. Further, the bidders are encouraged to make site visits to determine the actual requirement.

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95	Vol I, Section VII – Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 10, High-End Wi-Fi Access Point (Controller Support), p.207; List of Goods (Lot-2), pp.129–132	*RFB provision: "Controller Support: Centralized management via wireless LAN controller"* The access point specification requires centralised management via a wireless LAN controller (WLC), but the Lot-2 List of Goods and Price Schedule contain no WLC (hardware, virtual or cloud) or controller licence line item. We request the Purchaser to clarify: (a) whether the Supplier must supply the WLC and, if so, in which line item it should be priced, or whether an existing GovTech controller is to be used (if so, please state its make, model and software version); (b) the intended deployment mode – local switching (FlexConnect / local breakout, with only the control plane on the WLC) or centralised tunnelling (CAPWAP, with all access-point traffic forwarded to the WLC); and (c) whether a virtual or cloud-managed controller is acceptable. If centralised tunnelling is required, please state the total WLC throughput, the number of access points and clients to be supported, and whether controller redundancy (HA) is required.	a. There is no requirement to supply a separate WLC as part of this RFB, but the bidders may choose to do so and price it as such. However, the proposed equipment must support centralized management through a Wireless LAN Controller. The supplier shall clearly specify the make, model, and software version of the proposed controller and indicate whether it is included in the proposed solution. b. The proposed equipment must support centralized management through a LAN controller. The supplier shall specify the supported deployment mode, including local switching (FlexConnect/local breakout) or centralized tunnelling (CAPWAP), as applicable to the proposed solution. c. The supplier shall specify whether the proposed solution supports a hardware-based, virtual, or cloud-managed controller and identify any additional costs, licensing requirements, or subscriptions, if applicable. Any additional costs not included in the bid price shall not be assumed to be accepted.

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96	Vol I, Section VII – Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 10, High-End Wi-Fi Access Point (PoE Support, Ethernet Ports, Power Budget Linkage), pp.207–208; Items 1–4 (switch port specifications), pp.186, 191, 195, 199	*RFB provision: "Every switch port designated for an access point shall be capable of delivering 802.3bt Type 3 power concurrently across all AP-designated ports"* The access point requires IEEE 802.3bt Type 3 (PoE++) power (up to 90 W) and a 10G Multi-Gigabit port, and the specification requires every switch port designated for an access point to deliver 802.3bt Type 3 power. However, Items 1–4 specify PoE+ (IEEE 802.3at, 30 W) ports only, and Item 3 (L2 Access Switch I) has 1G copper ports only. The access point specification also mentions an optional PoE adapter 'priced separately as a line item', but no such line item exists. We request the Purchaser to state which switch items and ports the 221 access points will connect to, and to either (a) upgrade the access-point-facing switch ports to 802.3bt Type 3 Multi-Gigabit with a matching total PoE budget, (b) relax the access point power requirement to 802.3at, or (c) add a priced line item for PoE++ injectors – and to state how this should be priced.	Amendment to be issued: The access points will primarily be connected to the Distribution Switches and Access Switches. To ensure compatibility with the specified switch port capabilities, the access point power requirement was revised from IEEE 802.3bt Type 3 (PoE++) to IEEE 802.3at (PoE+), with a maximum power of 30 W per port. The relevant amendments to the access point specifications will be issued accordingly. Bidders shall refer to the amended specifications when preparing their bids. No separate line item for PoE++ injectors is required.

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97	Vol I, Section VII – Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 11, Floor standing UPS, pp.208–209	*RFB provision: "Capacity: Minimum 2000 VA (2kVA) … UPS type: Double conversion online"* Section VII, Item 11 (pp.208–209) specifies a minimum 2 kVA online UPS but does not state the required battery backup time. We request the Purchaser to state the backup duration required (at full or at an assumed load), whether external battery packs are expected to achieve it, and whether installation and power cabling of the UPS are included in the goods price or in the Related Services price.	Amendment to be issued with requirement of : **Backup Time:** • At 100% of rated load: Minimum 15 minutes. • At 50% of rated load: Minimum 45 minutes.
98	Vol I, Section VII – Technical Specifications, Lot-2 Item 17, Outdoor UTP uplink, pp.212–213	*RFB provision: "Category: Cat6 A … Bandwidth: 250 MHz … 10 Gbps up to 55 meters (as per standards)"* Section VII, Item 17 (pp.212–213) specifies outdoor double-jacketed Cat6A UTP cable, but also states a bandwidth of 250 MHz and 10 Gbps support only up to 55 m, which are Cat6 values (Cat6A is specified at 500 MHz with 10 Gbps up to 100 m). We request the Purchaser to confirm whether Cat6 or Cat6A outdoor cable is required. Please also state the maximum run length per point, and whether surge protection is required at each end.	This requirement will be amended as below: Cat6A Technical Specification: Data Rate Support: -10 Gbps up to 100 meters (as per standards) Except for the above changes all other requirements remain unchanged.

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99	Vol I, Section IX – SCC GCC 28.3, p.317; Section IV – Manufacturer's Authorization, p.83	*RFB provision: "The period of validity of the Warranty shall be a minimum of 12 months for supplied item no. 1,2 for LOT-1 and item no.1,2,3,4 for LOT-2."* SCC GCC 28.3 states a minimum warranty of 12 months only for Lot-2 items 1, 2, 3 and 4 (the switches). We request the Purchaser to state the warranty period required for the other Lot-2 goods (e.g. access points, UPS, PDUs, patch panels, racks, cabling, ADSS cable and FODPs). Please also clarify whether the OEM's warranty is to be given directly to the Purchaser, or whether the Bidder's warranty backed by the OEM (back-to-back) is acceptable.	Amendment to be issued on warranty: **Item No. 10:** High-End Wi-Fi Access Point **Warranty:** Minimum 3-year manufacturer's warranty covering hardware defects. **Item No. 11:** Floor-standing UPS **Warranty:** Minimum 2-year warranty covering the UPS unit and supplied batteries. The back-to-back warranty is acceptable so long as the evidence of OEM warranty fulfilling the requirement is satisfied.
100	Change in the name of the activity	Supply, Installation, and Commissioning of Last-Mile Connectivity Infrastructure and Local Area Network (LAN) is issued by GovTech Agency.	Amendments to be issued: Supply of goods and related services for Last-Mile Connectivity Infrastructure and Local Area Network (LAN) is issued by GovTech Agency.

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101	Price Schedule Forms for Lot-2 (Section IV - Bidding Forms), Page No. 104-106, 110-113 and 116-118 of the tender document. Technical Specifications for Lot-2 (Section- VII Schedule of Requirements, Page No. 186- 225 of the tender document)	In the price schedule forms for Lot-2 (Page No. 104-106, 110-113 and 116-118 of the tender document), 19 items are mentioned. However in Technical Specifications for Lot-2 mentioned in the Schedule of Requirements (Page No. 186- 225 of the tender document), 20 items have been mentioned. Item No. 15 (Dismantling of Existing Network Infrastructure) mentioned at Page no. 212 (Technical specifications, Schedule of Requirements) is not mentioned in the Price schedule Forms for Lot-2. Please clarify whether pricing for Item No. 15 (Dismantling of Existing Network Infrastructure) mentioned at Page no. 212 (Technical specifications, Schedule of Requirements) is not required to be submitted as part of the price bid.	Item No. 15 (Dismantling of Existing Network Infrastructure) mentioned at Page no. 212 (Technical specifications, Schedule of Requirements) must be quoted in Price and Completion Schedule - Related Services (Lot-2).

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