



Final Clarification and time extension

for

**Supply and Installation of Firewall for Regional Offices and Access Switches for
AU Conference Center, with Procurement**

Ref Number: ET-AUC-175168-GO-RFB

Date July 30, 2020

Reference is made to the bid published in the AU Web site with contract name Supply and Installation of Firewall for Regional Offices and Access Switches for AU Conference Center, with Procurement Ref Number: ET-AUC-175168-GO-RFB

17.1	<p>The bidders shall submit their technical and financial bids electronically as per the following details.</p> <p>The PDF copy of the technical and financial proposals in separate Zipped files shall be submitted by EM (Electronic e-mail). The Zipped files of the technical and Financial Proposal should be separately encrypted, or password protected. <u>The Email shall not be encrypted but only the Technical and Financial Proposals shall be encrypted or password protected.</u> The procedure is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The <u>separate Zipped files</u> of the technical and financial proposals should be sent to the following email addresses: tender@africa-union.org and getachewd@africa-union.orgBidders should ensure documents are not corrupt or affected by any computer virus that may possibly deny an access to the files. The Client shall not be responsible for such corrupt files which may deny access during the proposal opening process.b) The bidders will receive the confirmation email from the Borrower once the Proposal is received by e-mail.c) Password or encryption key should be broken into two parts for both the technical and financial proposal zipped files. The two parts should be sent to the following officially designated recipients:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) The first part be sent by EM to: tender@africa-union.org(ii) The second part be sent by EM to: getachewd@africa-union.orgd) <u>Time of sending of password or encryption key for the technical and financial proposals:</u> The passwords or “encryption key” for technical proposals will be sent at least four hours before bid submission deadline.e) <u>The subject of the email address should indicate the full title of the assignment and procurement reference number.</u>
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ITB 22.1	<p>For bid submission purposes only, the Purchaser's address is:</p> <p>Head Procurement, Travel & Stores Division</p> <p>African Union Commission</p> <p>Roosevelt Street</p> <p>P.O Box 3243, Addis Ababa</p> <p>Ethiopia</p> <p>Telephone: Tel: +251 (0) 11 551 7700 – Ext 4371</p> <p>The deadline for bid submission is:</p> <p>Date August 7, 2020</p> <p>Time: 3:00pm Addis Ababa time</p> <p><u>Bidders Shall have the option of submitting their bids electronically.</u></p>
ITB 25.1	<p>The bid opening shall take place at:</p> <p>Head Procurement, Travel & Stores Division</p> <p>African Union Commission</p> <p>Roosevelt Street</p> <p>P.O Box 3243, Addis Ababa</p> <p>Ethiopia</p> <p>Telephone: Tel: +251 (0) 11 551 7700 – Ext 4371</p> <p>Date August 7, 2020</p> <p>Time: 3:30pm Addis Ababa time</p> <p><u>Bidders Shall have the option of submitting their bids electronically.</u></p> <p><i>Online opening will be undertaken through Microsoft Teams or Zoom or blue jeans. The link for attending the online opening will be shared with shortlisted consultants one day prior to the opening.</i></p>

1. The Cisco C9300 Switch Support and warranty period is not specified in the RFP, would you kindly specify the support and warranty period

Ans:- Due to budget issue, we removed intentionally, warranty period. We are afraid to exceed the available fund. The bidders are free to propose into a separated offer table, a price list for warranty of 1, 2 and 3 years as an option.

2. The quantity specified on the RFP for ASA 5508 firewall SNTC licenses- CISCO Smart NET Total Care and warranty support 2Y IS 1 but since you asked 10 ASA Firewalls it is recommended 10SATC licenses. Kindly comment on this matter

Ans:- - Yes, We need 10 SNTC licenses.

3. we need to know if the mentioned SFPs + Patch cords in the RFP page :82 are equivalent to this part number : SFP-H10GB-CU3M or the customer needs separate SFPs and patch cords, if so, we need to know if he needs the SFPs single mode or multi-mode.

Ans:- -YES it is equivalent

4. I need to highlight that HLD diagram is not required , as per page 77 the customer will facilitate it to the bidder

Ans:- The HLD diagram is not required. This is a confidential document to be shared during the implementation phase

5. The BID document states specific model numbers from Cisco Systems and therefore restricts all responses to one particular vendor. Will the African Union consider bids from other vendors, should the solution being proposed exceed the specifications of the products requested by the African Union in terms of functionality and total cost of ownership?

Ans:- African Union starts a process of technology standardization. We would like to stop having a network infrastructure full of different vendors. Since we selected CISCO as a standard, we may not accept other vendor's proposals in this area.

Regards,