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ASTI - BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTAL BULLETIN NO. BAC-2024-05-009

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VARIOUS SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The ASTI Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) issues this Supplemental/Bid Bulletin to clarify, modify or amend items in the Bidding Documents and to reply to queries raised by the potential bidders through letters/emails for the information of all bidders for the procurement of:

Item:	Supply and Delivery of Various Software Subscriptions
Approved Budget for the Contract:	Two Million Four Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Pesos Only (₱2,466,725.00)
Invitation to Bid No.:	24-04-4778 dated 09 May 2024
Purchase Request No.:	ALAM-24-03-18879 (CSD) dated 18 March 2024 GAA-24-03-18916 (KMD) dated 21 March 2024 GAA-24-03-18944 (OD) dated 26 March 2024 ALAM-24-04-18967 (CSD) dated 02 April 2024
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A. AMENDMENT TO PROCUREMENT DETAILS AND FORMS

REFERENCE	AMENDMENT/CHANGE/CLARIFICATION		
Section VII. Technical Specifications, Page 30	FROM:		
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		xxx
		2. FEATURES
		2.1. Trust Level should be Organization Validated
		2.2. Browser should display HTTPS with padlock
		2.3. Clickable Secure Site Seal
		2.4. Signature algorithm strength is SHA-256 with ECC option
		2.5. Certificate should be 2048-bit encryption strength
		2.6. It should secure both www.domain.com and domain.com (without the www)
		2.7. Secures a top-level domain and all its first level subdomains
		2.8. Unlimited SSL server licensing within certificate validity period
		2.9. Unlimited reissuance to different servers / replacements for lifetime of Certificate
		2.10. Should come with a Free SSL and Website Security Checker with evaluation reports
		2.11. Should have a free management portal to manage purchased certificate with free feature to set unlimited number of user administrator
		2.12. Should have a Free Certificate Inventory Tool (CIT) to locate all SSL Certificates on your internal and public networks regardless of issuing CA
		2.13. There should be an alert/notification for expiration of certificates
		2.14. Root certificate should be available on all major browsers
		2.15. Underwritten Warranty should not be lower than US\$1.5M. A proof should be submitted.

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B. RESPONSE TO QUERIES

QUERY/ISSUE	BAC/END-USER RESPONSE/CLARIFICATION
<p>Item No. 4 – Subscription to PDF editor</p> <p>For 1.1. Renewal of DOST-ASTI's five (5) existing editor licenses and 1.2. Purchase of additional five (5) licenses, Ms. Vidad of Jassen Harris Industries Corp. asked for clarification on the following:</p>	<p>The end-user responded, "Yes, ten (10) in total. Renewal of five (5) existing licenses and five (5) additional licenses (should have the same duration)."</p>

<p>1. Is the number of users needed only for 5 existing licenses? 2. Or 5 existing licenses + 5 additional licenses for a total of 10 licenses?</p>	
<p>Item No. 1 - Software Application for Creative Professionals (6 users for 12 mos)</p> <p>For 3.2. Inclusive of testing support for detecting ML specific errors, does this support technical support only?</p>	<p>This will be removed.</p>
<p>Item No. 5 - Software License - Subscription - Graphic Design Software Suite</p> <p>Upon checking the VIP account number is already inactive, can we create a new VIP upon award?</p>	<p>Preference is to use the same DOST-ASTI Adobe VIP account number, bidder to coordinate with Adobe regarding this.</p> <p>Also, DOST-ASTI was able to avail of Adobe's one-month grace period, i.e., even though the DOST-ASTI subscription license officially ended on 16 April 2024 we still had access to the Adobe CC products until 16 May 2024.</p> <p>The above grace period may factor in with the Adobe CC subscription licenses being procured.</p> <p>Again, bidder to consult directly with Adobe regarding this.</p>
<p>Item No. 5 - Software License - Subscription - Graphic Design Software Suite</p> <p>For 2.10. In-application access to stock libraries for design assets, i.e., fonts, images, graphics, videos, and 3D assets</p> <p>Adobe Creative Cloud All Apps – Pro Edition has access to Adobe Stock but only to Standard Images.</p> <p>Since the above specs requirement indicates access to videos, etc., are we going to add Adobe Stock license on top of Adobe Creative Cloud All apps? However please note that it will be an added cost and ABC might not be enough for this.</p>	<p>2.10. In-application access to stock libraries for design assets, i.e., fonts, images, graphics, videos, and 3D assets.</p> <p>The above requirement merely says that the Adobe stock libraries be accessible from the Adobe CC apps, i.e., within Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, etc.</p> <p>These would be access to any standard stock library asset that is free or included with the subscription license or can be accessed on a trial basis.</p> <p>It does not include Adobe stock library assets that would require additional payment or charges on top of the cost of the Adobe CC software subscription licenses.</p>
<p>Is EAFS acceptable?</p>	<p>The submission of the audited financial statement is not required; however, all bidders shall upload and maintain in PhilGEPS a current and updated file of the following Class "A" eligibility documents under Sections 23.1(a) and 24.1(a), specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Registration Certificate; b) Mayor's/Business Permit or its Equivalent Document; c) Tax Clearance; d) Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board license and registration, if applicable; and

	e) Audited Financial Statements.
How many bid copies should I submit?	The BAC requires one (1) original and one (1) copy.
Item No. 3 – Subscription to One (1) Organization-Validated SSL Certificate For 2.15. Underwritten Warranty should not be lower than US\$1.5M. A proof should be submitted , can the specification be relaxed to “not lower than \$1M”?	The end-user is amenable to relax the requirement from “USD\$1.5M” to “USD\$1.25M” only.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION/S: Prospective bidder/s are required to: 1) amend the form to update existing information or 2) submit a copy of supplemental bulletin with statement of compliance or signature of authorized representative. **Non-compliance with this requirement shall be grounds for disqualification.**

Please be guided accordingly.

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