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CLARIFICATION - 2

Procurement of the:

**Procurement of SDWAN Equipment and
Services to Improve the Government Network
Infra and Connect 200 Locations**



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CLARIFICATION NO. 02

Procurement Name: **Procurement of SDWAN Equipment and Services to Improve the Government Network Infra and Connect 200 Locations**

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RFP No.: MV-MoECCT-DMADD-528844-GO-RFB

Project: Digital Maldives for Adaptation, Decentralization and Diversification (D'MADD) Project (P177040)

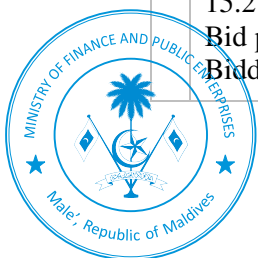
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This Clarification forms an integral part of the Request for Proposal (RFP) and shall be read in conjunction with all previously issued Tender Document.

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1	Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS) ITB 32.4 3. Training plan (On the job training for 6 Engineers locally in Male) 50%	Kindly confirm whether the indicated 50% evaluation weightage is correct. If this is a typographical error, please provide the correct evaluation weightage for this criterion. The total weightage does not add up to 100%	The indicated 50% weightage for the Training Plan (On-the-job training for 6 Engineers locally in Malé) is a typographical error. The correct weightage for the Training Plan criterion is 15% of the total evaluation score. The Training Plan criterion will be evaluated separately, with the detailed sub-criteria under this section totaling 100% for the purpose of scoring this criterion. The allocated score for this criterion will then contribute 15% to the overall evaluation score. The Bid Data Sheet will be corrected accordingly. Please refer to Addendum No. 1



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2	G. Evaluation of Technical Parts of Bids	Will the OEM technical evaluation be based solely on the successful completion of the prescribed PoC test cases, or will it also consider additional factors such as independent industry analyst report(e.g., Gartner® Magic Quadrant™ for SD-WAN) and the OEM's market leadership during the technical evaluation? To clarify the technical evaluation criteria	The technical evaluation will be conducted based on the technical evaluation criteria and requirements specified in the Request for Proposal (RFP). The evaluation will consider the information and supporting documents submitted by the Bidders in accordance with the RFP requirements, including compliance with the specified technical specifications, qualification requirements, and any other evaluation factors stated in the RFP. The technical evaluation criteria provided in the RFP shall be the sole basis for assessing the technical proposals.
3	G. Evaluation of Technical Parts of Bids	Will the technical evaluation consider the maturity of the OEM's cybersecurity ecosystem including global threat intelligence, continuous security signature updates, security research capabilities, and worldwide enterprise deployment experience in addition to compliance with the prescribed PoC test cases? To clarify the technical evaluation criteria	The technical evaluation will be conducted based on the technical evaluation criteria and requirements specified in the RFP, including those related to OEM qualifications, solution compliance, security requirements, support capabilities, and PoC performance where applicable. Any assessment of OEM capabilities, cybersecurity features, or industry experience will be considered only where such requirements are explicitly included in the RFP.
4	15. Currencies of Bid and Payment GCC 16.1 Sample provision 15.2 The Bidder may express the Bid price in any currency. If the Bidder wishes to be paid in a	Can locally registered companies submit quotations in USD for goods manufactured outside the Purchaser's Country and intended to be imported, while quoting the locally incurred costs in Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR), in accordance with Clause 15?	The requirement stated in the Bidding Data Sheet remains applicable. While ITB 15 permits bids to be expressed in different currencies, locally registered companies shall submit their bids in accordance with the requirements of the Bidding Data Sheet. All payments under the Contract to locally registered companies will be made in Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) in accordance with the Government of Maldives' financial regulations.



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	combination of amounts in different currencies, it may quote its price accordingly but shall use no more than three foreign currencies in addition to the currency of the Purchaser's Country. 1 Local Contractors: All payments under this Contract shall be made in Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR).	The clarification is requested because the clause "Local Contractors: All payments under this Contract shall be made in Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR)" appears to be inconsistent with Clauses 15.1 and 15.2	Accordingly, locally registered companies shall not quote imported goods in USD with the expectation of payment in USD. Any contract awarded to a locally registered company will be paid in Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR).
5	38. Comparison of Financial Parts	During the financial evaluation, will the price inclusive of GST be considered for locally registered companies? As foreign bidders will not include GST in their quotations, clarification is requested to ensure a fair financial evaluation	In accordance with ITB 34.5 of the Bidding Document, the financial evaluation will exclude sales tax (GST) and other similar taxes that are payable if a contract is awarded to the Bidder. Accordingly, for evaluation purposes, bids submitted by locally registered companies will be evaluated exclusive of GST. Foreign bidders, who are not required to include GST in their bids, will likewise be evaluated on a tax-exclusive basis. This approach ensures that all bids are evaluated on a fair and consistent basis in accordance with the provisions of the Bidding Document.
6	SERVICE LEVEL EXPECTATIONS	Is this SLA applicable to both local bidders and foreign bidders both?	The Service Level Expectations specified in the RFP shall apply to all Bidders, whether local or foreign. The Bidder shall ensure that the required technical support and onsite service response requirements can be met in



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	• Issue resolution / Onsite Visits within 1 day of hardware failures reported.	Is it acceptable to provide a foreign phone number as the contact for technical support and assistance?	accordance with the SLA specified in the RFP. Foreign Bidders may provide international technical support contact details; however, the Bidder shall be responsible for ensuring timely response, coordination, and availability of onsite support in Maldives within the required timeframe. The Bidder shall provide sufficient details in its proposal demonstrating its capability to meet the specified service level requirements.

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