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**Supplemental Bid Bulletin No. 04-2024**

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**Procurement of Cloud Storage and Hosting Services for Public Applications of  
the Bureau of the Treasury  
(ITB-27-2024-G)**

This Supplemental Bid Bulletin No. 04-2024 is issued to modify or amend items in the Bid Documents. This shall form an integral part of the Bid Documents.

**Response to queries of the bidders:**

QUERIES/CLARIFICATIONS	RESPONSE / RESOLUTION
<p><b>PART II. BIDDER'S COMPLIANCE</b></p> <p><b>1. STATEMENT OF BIDDERS EXISTENCE AND EXPERTISE</b></p> <p>1.8. Must provide ISO/IEC 27001:2017 Certification and ISO 9001:2015 Certification.</p> <p>Conformity with ISO/IEC 27001 means that an organization or business has put in place a system to manage risks related to the security of data owned or handled by the company, and that this system respects all the best practices and principles enshrined in this International Standard.</p> <p>In relation to the project, the bidder does not own the system hence the need for the bidder to be certified by ISO/IEC 27001 is not necessary. Instead of the ISO/IEC 27001 certification, can this be replaced by the Data Privacy certification issued by the National Privacy Commission?</p>	<p>To accommodate more qualified bidders without compromising the quality and compliance to the solution, while protecting sensitive information, then either or both ISO 27001:2017 or Data Privacy Certification issued by National Privacy Commission will be accepted</p>

ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System  
Certificate No. SCP000233Q



## **PART II. BIDDER'S COMPLIANCE**

### **1. STATEMENT OF BIDDERS EXISTENCE AND EXPERTISE**

1.8. Must provide ISO/IEC 27001:2017 Certification and ISO 9001:2015 Certification.

Is the ISO 9001:2015 certification of the manufacturer enough to comply with this requirement since the project is about Cloud Storage and Hosting Services, and the manufacturer is the provider and owner of the system/platform through their authorized partners?

To attest the track record and competency of the bidder on the propose solution, there are other requirements that the bidder must submit which are the following:

1. Proof that the bidder has completed a single largest contract similar to the project to be bid equivalent to at least 50% of the ABC within the last 5 years. Similar contracts are related to Cloud Infrastructure.
2. additional 2 similar contracts within the last 5 years
3. certification from the manufacturer or distributor that the Bidder is authorized to bid, sell, support, and maintain the products being offered.
4. Certification coming from the manufacturer or distributor that they will extend direct technical support to the end-user for the products offered.
5. Proof that the bidder has been operating in the Philippines for the past five (5) years as an IT company and must submit a notarized document.
6. Proof that the Bidder has at least three (3) certified experts for Cloud Platform Provider and must submit training certifications.

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<p>7. Proof that the Bidder has competency in Machine Learning Consulting and Generative AI Services.</p>	
<p><b>PART II. BIDDER'S COMPLIANCE</b></p> <p><b>1. STATEMENT OF BIDDERS EXISTENCE AND EXPERTISE</b></p> <p>1.7. Public Sector Accreditation with the selected cloud platform provider</p> <p>Will the PhilGEPS Platinum certification of the bidder suffice to cover this? Or does it pertain to <a href="https://www.ict.gov.pg/register-of-cloud-infrastructure-vendors/">https://www.ict.gov.pg/register-of-cloud-infrastructure-vendors/</a> ?</p>	<p>Public Sector accreditation certification from the selected cloud platform provider and/or letter of support from authorized Local Distributor with Public Sector accreditation will be accepted</p>
<p><b>PART I. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>1. INTELLIGENT STORAGE SOLUTION TO SUPPORT DIGITIZATION INITIATIVE</b></p> <p>1.1.2. By Default, the storage must apply Bucket Encryption to ensure security of confidential information. All new files uploaded to this bucket must be automatically encrypted.</p> <p>We are writing to address a concern regarding the current exclusivity of bucket encryption to a specific brand. This exclusivity limits the ability of other brands to participate fairly in the market.</p> <p>To promote a more competitive and fair environment, we kindly request that the restriction on bucket encryption be removed. We recommend adjusting the terms to ensure compliance with at least one of the following encryption standards: TLS, AES, or SSE.</p>	<p>Security is an utmost concern before moving to cloud.</p>

<p><b>PART I. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>1. INTELLIGENT STORAGE SOLUTION TO SUPPORT DIGITIZATION INITIATIVE</b></p> <p>1.1.7. A conversion capability to process scanned documents and images, extracting text and data.</p> <p>1.1.11 A serverless compute capability to execute functions and procedure calls based on events such as a new file uploaded into the cloud storage.</p> <p>1.1.14 The Event Bus must have scheduler capabilities for creating, scheduling, and managing scheduled tasks at scale, supporting over a majority of the services, provided by the public cloud service provider, as target. It must also support API as Destinations, enabling low-code integrations.</p> <p>Will the winning bidder be responsible for developing/designing or provisioning only?</p>	<p>These sections pertain to a required feature of the proposed cloud platform solution. Please refer to technical specifications part 3, for the services required from bidder.</p>
<p><b>PART II. BIDDER'S COMPLIANCE</b></p> <p><b>1. STATEMENT OF BIDDERS EXISTENCE AND EXPERTISE</b></p> <p>1.1 The Bidder must be a Highest Tier Services Partner of the selected cloud platform.</p> <p>The Bidder must be a Highest Tier Services Partner of the selected cloud platform, can this be relaxed to Gold Cloud Platform Certification and Solutions Partner Designation for Infrastructure Certification?</p>	<p>To accommodate more qualified bidders without compromising the quality and compliance to the solution, then certification and/or letter of support from Public Cloud Infrastructure Provider, or its authorized Local Distributor for Public Sector, will be accepted</p>

**Revision on the Technical Specifications:**

REFERENCE	AMENDMENTS/CHANGES/ CLARIFICATIONS
<p><b>PART III. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b>2. TRAINING AND SUPPORT</b></p> <p>2.2 Training shall be conducted within forty-five working (45) days after the installation of the equipment. Winning Bidder must submit a certificate of completion as proof.</p>	<p><b>PART III. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <p><b>2. TRAINING AND SUPPORT</b></p> <p>2.2 Training shall be conducted within forty-five <del>working</del> <b>calendar</b> (45) days after the installation of the equipment. Winning Bidder must submit a certificate of completion as proof.</p>
<p><b>PART I. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>1. INTELLIGENT STORAGE SOLUTION TO SUPPORT DIGITIZATION INITIATIVE</b></p> <p>1.1.19. The solution must include a robust cloud security posture management (OPSM) service providing automated, continuous security best practice checks against cloud resources.</p>	<p><b>PART I. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS</b></p> <p><b>1. INTELLIGENT STORAGE SOLUTION TO SUPPORT DIGITIZATION INITIATIVE</b></p> <p>1.1.19. The solution must include a robust cloud security posture management <del>(OPSM)</del> <b>(CSPM)</b> service providing automated, continuous security best practice checks against cloud resources.</p>

For guidance and information of all concerned.

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