

PROJECT: WEB APPLICATION FIREWALL FOR DISASTER RECOVERY**A. QUERIES/CLARIFICATIONS RAISED DURING THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE:**

	Queries/Clarifications	TWG/BAC Reply
1.	Are all the certificates and other requirements specified in Section 7 – Technical Specifications required to be submitted together with the bid proposal during the bid opening	Yes. All certificates must be submitted together with the technical proposal upon submission of bids.
2.	In Page 35-36 Section 7 Fiber-based DMZ Switch, is it possible to consider relaxing the core processor requirement to four (4) core processor from six (6) core processors?	The requirement will be changed to a minimum of at least 4 Cores. This will amend Page 35. Technical Specifications Item III. Fiber-based DMZ Switch (2 units) Processor: 4 Cores

B. WRITTEN QUERIES:

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1	May we kindly request for a copy of the proposed network diagram to validate the intended connectivity between the proposed Web Application Firewall (WAF), Fiber-based DMZ switch, and the existing Checkpoint Perimeter Firewall? This is to confirm whether the connectivity per DMZ switch will utilize 4x10G multimode or 4x40G multimode interfaces.	The network diagram will be provided to the winning bidder.
2	On page 35, under III. Fiber-based DMZ Switch “Processor: 6 cores” Question: Would you consider relaxing the processor specification from a minimum of 6 cores to at least 4 cores? A 4-core processor is capable of adequately supporting typical DMZ switch functions, such as traffic segmentation, policy enforcement, and moderate data forwarding workloads, without compromising performance or reliability.	Please refer to Item A.2.

3	On page 36, under III. Fiber-based DMZ Switch “At least forty-eight (48) ports of 1/10/25G interface with at least twenty (20) 10G and six (6) 1G transceivers/modules per unit” Question: Please confirm if twenty (20) 10G transceivers are multimode and if six (6) 1G transceivers are copper or multimode?	This is to confirm that Twenty (20) 10G transceivers and Six (6) 1G transceivers are all multimode.
4	On page 36, under III. Fiber-based DMZ Switch “Other requirement – Must be compatible with the existing DMZ switch and existing 10G and 1G SFP modules must be able to be reused on the proposed switch.” Question: To ensure compatibility and reuse of existing 10G and 1G SFP modules, may we request confirmation of the brand and model of the existing DMZ switch	The brand is CISCO and the model is Catalyst 9200 Series Switch.
5	On page 36, under IV. Transceiver/Module “Must be compatible with the existing Perimeter Firewall appliance (Checkpoint) Must provide 4 x 10G Transceiver per Firewall appliance” Question: Please confirm the model of the existing Checkpoint Perimeter Firewall appliance, the total number of Firewall appliance units and whether the required 4 x 10G transceivers per unit are multimode and intended for connectivity to the proposed Fiber-based DMZ switch	<p>The model of the existing Checkpoint Perimeter Firewall appliance is Check Point Firewall 23000 series with a total number of two (2) units of Check Point Firewall.</p> <p>The required 4 × 10G transceivers per unit are multimode and are intended for connectivity to the proposed fiber-based DMZ switch.</p>
6	On page 36, under V. Other Requirements for the Bidder The bidder must utilize experienced and trained technical support engineers under its direct employment and supervision. Bidder should have at least Five (5) manufacturer certified engineers. a. One (1) Manufacturer Certified Network Professional b. One (1) Certified Information System Security Professional c. Two (2) Manufacturer Certified Engineer-Application Delivery Control Engineer / WAF d. One (1) Manufacturer Certified Security Expert Question: May we confirm if	Yes.

	the requirement for one (1) Manufacturer Certified Security Expert specifically pertains to certification from the manufacturer of the existing Checkpoint Perimeter Firewall appliance?	
7	On page 16, For this purpose, contracts similar to the Project shall be: a. Supply, Delivery, Installation and Configuration into Operational State of Firewall b. Completed within five (5) years prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids. Question: As option to above definition of similar contract, kindly consider Procurement of Next Generation Intrusion Prevention System NGIPS completed within five (5) years prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids.	Procurement of Next Generation Intrusion Prevention System NGIPS completed within five (5) years prior to the deadline for the submission and receipt of bids will be considered.
8	Under Page 26 letter n. The Service Provider must provide support to Move, Add, Changes, Integrate and Delete Configuration Services while under warranty at no cost to SSS Question: The warranty does not cover integration services. The scope of integration needs to be thoroughly discussed and evaluated, not only in relation to the proposed product and its licenses but also with respect to the other systems it will interface with. We respectfully request the removal of this requirement. Including it without clear parameters may introduce uncertainties and pose potential risks in the maintenance support of the equipment.	We retain the provision.