

PROJECT: REPLACEMENT OF MAIN OFFICE DISTRIBUTION ETHERNET SWITCHES

A. QUERIES/CLARIFICATIONS RAISED DURING THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

	Query/Clarifications	TWG/BAC Reply
1	Clarification regarding vendor qualification: In the bidder's requirements, the Bidder must submit a certificate from the manufacturer of network devices stating that the Bidder is at least a Tier-One Certified Gold Partner. We would like to request relaxing this requirement so that the Bidder may instead submit a certificate from the manufacturer of network devices stating that the Bidder is at least a Tier-Two Certified Silver Partner for the proposed solution.	A Preferred Networking Partner certification or its equivalent shall be accepted. This amends Item 24 to read as follows: "The bidder must submit a certification from the manufacturer of the network devices stating that the bidder is at least a Tier-1 Certified Gold Partner, Preferred Networking Partner, or equivalent partner designation."
2	For those bidders who previously secured the Bid Documents, will the payment remain the same? Do we need to pay again?	Yes. You don't need to pay for the bidding documents.

B. WRITTEN QUERIES:

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1	Requirement: (page 76) The bidder must submit certificate from manufacturer of network devices stating that the bidder is at least a Tier -1 Certified Gold Partner for the last two (2) years. Request/Clarification: May we request to consider relaxing the requirement to "The bidder must submit certificate from manufacturer of network devices stating that the bidder is at least a Tier -1 Certified Gold Partner."?	Please refer to Item A.1 under the Queries/Clarifications discussed during the Pre-Bid Conference.
2	Requirement: (page 78) The bidder must submit a proposed Manufacturer-Certified Training Center that will deliver the required trainings for this project, with valid certification from the manufacturer confirming the training center's accreditation.	

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	Request/Clarification: May we respectfully request the removal of this specific manpower certification requirement to allow more bidders to comply and participate in the project? Removing this condition will help ensure a more competitive bidding process while still upholding the required technical qualifications for successful project implementation.	No. For clarity, the Manufacturer-Certified Training Center need not be in-house or owned by the bidder. The bidder may secure the services of a duly accredited Manufacturer-Certified Training Center, provided that valid proof of accreditation from the manufacturer is submitted in compliance with the requirement.
3	<p>On Page 58, under Scope of Work requirement Include accessories such as power cords, rack mounting kits, console cables, and transceivers.</p> <p>May we clarify if the existing 10GBASE-SR SFP uplink transceivers used by the current distribution ethernet switches will be reused, and that no new 10G uplink transceivers are required for this bid?</p> <p>Additionally, may we confirm the required power cable type for the switches (NEMA 5-15 or C13-C14)?</p>	<p>Yes. The existing 10GBASE-SR SFP uplink transceivers currently used by the distribution of Ethernet switches shall be reused. No new 10G uplink transceivers are required under this procurement.</p> <p>The required power cable type for the switches shall be NEMA 5-15.</p>
4	<p>On Page 76 Item 24, The bidder must submit certificate from manufacturer of network devices stating that the bidder is at least a Tier -1 Certified Gold Partner for the last two (2) years.</p> <p>Will the BAC consider similar partnership Document (e.g., Preferred Partner) as compliant with the “Tier 1 Certified Gold Partner” requirement, given that the previously recognized Tier 1 Certified Gold Partner designation is no longer available and has been changed?</p>	<p>Please refer to Item A.1 under the Queries/Clarifications discussed during the Pre-Bid Conference.</p>