



Date: Friday 10 February 2023 at 10hrs00

Venue: Conference Room (5th Floor)

NOTES OF PRE - MEETING

Open National Bidding (ONB) Exercise for the Supply, Installation, Configuration & Commissioning of a Hyper – Converged Solution at the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC)

Representatives Present:

Mr. K. Mauracheea:	State Informatics Ltd
Mr. R. Cooshnea:	State Informatics Ltd
Mr. D. Deepoo:	State Informatics Ltd
Mr. S. Gukhool:	State Informatics Ltd
Mr. G. Cango:	Secure Services (Mauritius) Ltd
Mr. I. Wardally:	Secure Services (Mauritius) Ltd
Mr. N. Mauntah:	Rogers Capital Technology Services Ltd
Mr. S. Boodhoo:	Rogers Capital Technology Services Ltd
Mr. N. Gunnoo:	Rogers Capital Technology Services Ltd

In Attendance:

Mr. P. Dayal:	Systems Administrator, HRDC
Mr. R. Luckun:	Programme Manager, CIB
Mr. V. Lallbeeharry:	AHRMO, HRDC
Ms. R. Dookhee:	IT Officer, HRDC

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- The representatives present were provided with a summary of the bidding exercise inclusive of goods & services being required, the documents to be submitted with their bids, the sections to be filled as well as the procedures to submit their bids;
 - Potential Bidders were informed of a typing error in the bid document at **ITB 25.1 of Section 1: Bid Data Sheet (BDS)** whereby it should read:

“**Note that bids that have not been deposited in the Tender Box will be rejected.**”
 - Potential Bidders have submitted queries to which they were informed that same will be replied in writing (Annex 1);
 - A visit of the HRDC’s server rooms were then carried out where potential bidders had the opportunity to see the current hardware installations.
 - As there was no other business, the meeting ended at 11hrs15.

Queries & Replies

1. Under Reference sites, Page 71, what does 'National Level' means?

Within the country of Mauritius, public or private sector

2. "Proposed Hyperconverged Infrastructure or its virtualization software component should be in Leaders Quadrant of the Gartner Magic Quadrant for Hyperconverged Infrastructure as from 2020 or latest". Will HRDC also consider HCI solution which is listed in Challengers or Visionaries Gartner magic quadrant, but not necessary in the leaders quadrant?

Given there is no Gartner Magic Quadrant for Hyperconverged Infrastructure as from 2020, only for Hyperconverged software, any HCI solution listed in Gartner will be accepted(not necessary in the leaders quadrant)

3. Under Technical Table, Item 5 on Page 74 it is mentioned that the solution should support multiple Hypervisors – Bidder to Specify ; but for the DR site the same item requirement is Mandatory. As these are the same Node/Server type, which one should we take into consideration?

Item 5 Under Technical Table on Page 74 should be read as 'Mandatory' instead of 'Bidder to specify'.

4. Does the bidder need to provide redundant PDUs (Power Distribution Unit) alongside with 42U Racks?

Yes

5. If above answer is Yes, what power output is required?

Bidder need to propose/recommend on power output as per its solution

6. Can you please provide us the main reasons why HRDC has setup the architecture of two single nodes on the 4th and one on the 5th floor on the main site/ same building? Should the nodes be in the same cluster or different cluster?

a. As specified in the technical specification, the nodes for production site shall be installed on two different floors and in their respective rack at HDRC building. This is required for higher availability and fault tolerance in case of any power fault on the rack on any floor.

b. As specified in the technical specification, bidder need to propose the clustering required for this solution.

7. Who will provide the bandwidth connection between DR site and Production site.

- a. As mentioned in the bidding document, the Bidder should provide bandwidth requirements between the main (HRDC) and DR site in its proposal. However, Bidder should not quote for the communication line. HRDC will procure the communication line between the production/main site to the Bidder's proposed DR site.*

8. As per bidding document on Page 51, 'The responsibility of a functional DR site would solely be on the successful Bidder's responsibility'. What happens if there is no connectivity between DR site and Production Site.

Connectivity will be provided by HRDC. Successful bidder needs to give evidence on "no connectivity between DR site and Production Site" if it happens.

9. Regarding the 10Gbps Fibre Backbone linking 4th and 5th Floor; Kindly confirm whether the fibre core is multi or single mode? How many links are available?

- a. Multi Mode
b. One Link*

10. Can you please confirm whether the HCI should be able to co-exist multiple hypervisors on the same Nodes at the same time?

No.