

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

BID BULLETIN NO. 1

This Bid Bulletin is issued to amend/clarify items in the Bidding Documents for the **SUBSCRIPTION TO MULTI-PROTOCOL LABEL SWITCHING, Public Bidding No. 2023-037.**

CLARIFICATION
Question: Where is SEC's colocation located?
Answer: It is being maintained in ETPI Telecom Plaza in Makati City.
Question: For the dedicated internet, are the bidders supposed to deliver to all the extension offices or to the headquarters only?
Answer: The service provider will only need to deliver to the headquarters; the headquarters will be in-charge of the distribution.
Question: Would the SEC take charge of the provision of the router?
Answer: No, because the technical specifications state that the service provider should provide the router as well.
Question: Will the acknowledgement and creation of a ticket within 15 minutes suffice as compliance with the requirement "guaranteed response time within 15 minutes"?
Answer: Yes, that can be considered as "response".
Question: Is this Project new or does the SEC have an existing provider?
Answer: SEC has an existing service provider, PLDT.
Question: Why is the Cisco certification being required? Can the provider offer higher brands of certification? Can the bidder/s offer Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) certified personnel?
Answer: SEC is requiring qualified and certified personnel who will maintain and man the facilities. Bidders can offer equivalent certification or higher brands of certification provided that SEC will be able to check the details of the certification.
Question: Would the modem be enough as inclusion?
Answer: Modem alone will not work because the requirement specifies Layer 3 VPN.

REFERENCE	AMENDMENT
Section VI. Schedule of Requirements Page 25	Section VI. Schedule of Requirements Page 25
"Within thirty (30) calendar days upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed."	"Within sixty (60) calendar days upon receipt of the Notice to Proceed."
Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 29	Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 29
"The bidder must have at least three (3) Cisco Certified Network Associate and One (1) Project Manager to be assigned to the project. Submit curriculum vitae and copy of Cisco certifications."	"The bidder must have at least three (3) Certified Network Associate and One (1) Project Manager to be assigned to the project. Certifications must be at least Cisco or any equivalent. Submit curriculum vitae and copy of certifications."

Provisions in the bidding documents that are in conflict with this Bulletin are deemed revised/amended. For guidance and information of all concerned.

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For the Bids and Awards Committee:

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