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Dear Potential Bidders:

**Clarification No. 5:**

**Re: JM-OPM-75254-GO-RFB – Computers and Networking Equipment**

Further to a request for clarification received, the Youth Employment in the Digital and Animation Industries Project (YEDAIP) hereby provides the following responses:

GENERAL QUESTIONS	
Query from Potential Bidder	Response from YEDAIP
<p>1. Could you advise if the following amounts stated in the Procurement document are correct?</p> <p><b>Lot 1: US\$41,680</b> <b>Lot 2: US\$4,140</b> <b>Lot 3 US\$4, 720</b></p> <p>Lot 1 seems to be 10 times the amount for Lots 2 &amp;3. Could this be an error?</p>	<p>1. Yes, the figures stated are correct. No, it is not an error.</p>
<p>2. Could you advise the type of bid security required and the receiving party bid security should be paid to.</p>	<p>1. ITB &amp; BDS19.1 speaks to the type of bid security required. There are two standard bid security forms in the bidding documents - Form of Bid Security (Bank Guarantee) and Form of Bid Security (Bid Bond). Bidders are allowed to use either.</p> <p>2. The receiving party (the purchaser) that the bid security should be paid to is the <b>Office of the Prime Minister</b>.</p>

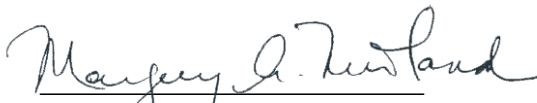
**TECHNICAL QUESTIONS - These questions are directed to Section 1.2, Section 3.1.1, Section 3.1.3, Section 3.2.1, Section 3.3.1 and Section 3.5.2 in the bidding document.**

Query from Potential Bidder	Response from YEDAI
<p>1. Servers – Edna Manley Login Server, University of Technology and CARIMAC required 4 socket servers with 20-cores each with “Minimum 3.6 GHz core speeds”. Neither Intel or AMD provides CPUs with 20+ cores and minimum core speed of 3.6 GHz. Please confirm if the “3.6 GHz core speeds” was meant for the turbo boost speed. If not, please provide the correct CPU needed.</p>	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 3.1.1, Section 3.2.1 and Section 3.5.2.</i></p> <p>The 3.6 GHz core speeds is not directed to turbo speed. It is normal speed.</p> <p>At 20 cores we expect a Minimum of 3.6 GHz core speed.</p>
<p>2. University of Technology:</p> <p>a. Please confirm the quantity of drives needed for the following as it was not stated: 1.92TB SSD SATA Mix Use Gbps 512n 2.5in Hot-plug Drive drive</p>	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 3.2.1.</i></p> <p>As specified, the quantity of Hot-Plug Drive needed is 7.</p>
<p>3. University of Technology:</p> <p>a. Please confirm the drive type and quantities for the following specification given as the total storage stated is not correct: “OS boot up: 2 x 480 GB= 2 TB”</p>	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 3.2.1.</i></p> <p>There is a typographical error, for OS Bootup there should be 4 drives [(4 x 480 GB) = 2 TB].</p>
<p>4. CARIMAC Login Server and Edna Manley College:</p> <p>a. Drive bays required stated 8 SFF SAS/SATA hot swap drive bays, however the internal storage capacity 48 TB (4 x 12 TB) 3.5" SAS/SATA HDDs indicates large form factor drives. Please confirm if 8 SFF drive bays are required.</p>	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 3.1.1 and Section 3.5.2.</i></p> <p>See Clarification dated 15 October 2019, under Section 3.5.2 Login Servers, Query # 11.</p>
<p>5. The request for MS Office 365 Home edition is not possible for purchase from our suppliers for this pursue [sic].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The versions available are O365 Business – Business Essentials – Business Premium and Pro Plus.</li> <li>• Or MS Office Professional.</li> </ul>	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 1.2 Desktop Computers – community centres.</i></p> <p>MS Office 365 Home edition was given as the minimum requirement pertaining to the Office Applications included.</p>
<p>6. Which version of Microsoft is needed?</p>	<p>See Clarification to <i>Question 5</i> above.</p>
<p>7. Re 3.3.1: Server – What is the required warranty? How many hard drives, size and speed/type are required?</p>	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 3.3.1.</i></p> <p>This is a Network Attached Storage (NAS) device so the specifications stand. Section 3.3.1 could have been titled “Network Attached Storage”, however, this is stated in the table header row.</p>

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8. Re 3.2.1: Server – For “internal storage capacity” there is 2 x 480GB = 2 TB. What are the drives that are required?	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 3.2.1.</i></p> <p>There is a typographical error, for OS Bootup there should be 4 drives [(4 x 480 GB) = 2 TB].</p>
9. Re 3.1.3: Backup Server – For the processors, please indicate the required number of cores per processor	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 3.1.3.</i></p> <p>32 cores per processor</p>
10. Re 3.1.3: Backup Server – For “Node Type - Storage virtualization node Server SAN node” please indicate if this device will be required to be integrated to an existing Server SAN node or groups of nodes or may be proposed as an independent Server SAN node.	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 3.1.3.</i></p> <p>An independent Server SAN node.</p>
11. Re 3.1.3: Backup Server – For “Memory Capacity”, please confirm that the required amount is 10 x 32GB (320GB RAM) for the SAN specifications that also includes 16Gb Fibre Channel ports.	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 3.1.3.</i></p> <p>As specified, the Memory Capacity is 10 x 32 GB.</p>
12. Re 3.1.3: Backup Server – Please confirm that “16Gb Fibre Channel ports” are required.	<p><i>This question is in relation to the specifications in Section 3.1.3.</i></p> <p>As specified, 16 Gb Fibre Channel ports.</p>

Yours Sincerely,



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