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February 27, 2024

AMENDMENT NO.: I

TO

INVITATION FOR BID NO.: GPA-034-24

FOR

INDUSTRIAL ETHERNET SWITCH

Prospective Bidders are hereby notified of the following responses and changes to an inquiries received from Bidder No. 1 dated February 21, 2024 and Bidder No. 3 dated 23, 2024.

CHANGES:

1. **REMOVE** Page 31 of 36 and **REPLACE** with Page 31a of 36 (see attached)

Under Invitation for Bid, General Terms and Conditions, number 19. BRAND NAMES and number 22. LABORATORY TEST has changed **FROM**:

- [] 19. **BRAND NAMES:** Any reference in the Solicitation to manufacturer's Brand Names and number is due to lack of a satisfactory specification of commodity description. Such preference is intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive and for the sole purpose of indicating prospective bidders a description of the article or services that will be satisfactory. Bids on comparable items will be considered provided the bidder clearly states in his bid the exact articles he is offering and how it differs from the original specification.
- [X] 22. **LABORATORY TEST:** Successful bidder is required to accompany delivery of his goods with a Laboratory Test Report indicating that the product he is furnishing the Government meets with the specifications. This report is on the bidder's account and must be from a certified Testing Association.

TO NOW READ:

- * [X] 19. **BRAND NAMES:** Any reference in the Solicitation to manufacturer's Brand Names and number is due to lack of a satisfactory specification of commodity description. Such preference is intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive and for the sole purpose of indicating prospective bidders a description of the article or services that will be satisfactory. Bids on comparable items will be considered provided the bidder clearly states in his bid the exact articles he is offering and how it differs from the original specification.
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RESPONSE:

Bidder No.: 1 dated 02/21/2024:

QUESTION:

1. Item Numbers 1.0, 2.0, and 3.0 specify "Approved Equal to Or Better." However, IFB General Terms and Conditions #19 on page 31 of the IFB is not checked. Please confirm that equivalent or better equipment other than the Cisco brand will be accepted for this IFB.

ANSWER:

Kindly see **CHANGE 1** above. Yes, equivalent or better equipment other than the Cisco brand will be accepted for this IFB.

QUESTION:

2. IFB General Terms & Conditions Item #22 on Page 31, Laboratory Test, is checked.
 - a. Please confirm that this requirement is applicable to this IFB.
 - b. If applicable to this IFB, please provide a list of "Testing Associations" that will meet GPA's requirement.

ANSWER:

Kindly see **CHANGE 1** above.

QUESTION:

3. IFB includes Multi-Step Sealed Bidding instructions section under Sealed Bid Solicitation Instructions, which requires the submission of unpriced technical offers in the first phase of the procurement process. Please clarify if GPA-034-24 is a Multi-Step Sealed Bid procurement vehicle, subject to the phased submission of offeror bids.

ANSWER:

GPA-034-24 is not a Multi-Step Bid. The Sealed Bid Solicitation Instructions is a Standard Bid Form for any and all formal tenders.

QUESTION:

4. We respectfully request an extension in the bid submission deadline to allow for adequate bid preparation time upon receipt of responses to questions.

ANSWER:

Extension has been denied due to schedule for deployment of switches.

Bidder No.: 3 dated 02/23/2024:

QUESTION:

1. The bid specification do not specify if the item being procured shall be "Brand New". Will refurbished products be acceptable?

ANSWER:

Shall be "Brand New".

QUESTION:

2. Is it a requirement that the bidder shall be an "Authorized Reseller/Partner"? If yes, will a certificate or document proving to be an Authorized Reseller/Partner be required to be present in the Bid Package?

ANSWER:

Yes, shall be authorized reseller. Yes, please present certificate in bid packet.

All other Terms and Conditions in the bid package shall remain unchanged and in full force.



JOHN M. BENAVENTE, P.E.

 General Manager

10 days from the date of the mailing of notice of termination, the Government may take over and prosecute the same to complete the contract or force account for the account and at the expense of the contractor, and the contractor and his Surety shall be liable to the Government for any excess cost occasioned the Government thereby (GPR Section 3-202.03.4).

- [X] 13. **PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE:** Bidders who are awarded a contract under this solicitation, guarantee that goods will be delivered or required services performed within the time specified. Failure to perform the contract in a satisfactory manner may be cause for suspension or debarment from doing business with the Government and to enforce Section 23 of these General Terms and Conditions. In addition, the Government will hold the Vendor liable and will enforce the requirements as set forth in Section 41 of these General Terms and Conditions.
- [X] 14. **SURETY BONDS:** Bid and Performance Bonds coverage must be signed or countersigned in Guam by a foreign or alien surety's resident general agent. The surety must be an Insurance Company, authorized by the government of Guam and qualified to do business in Guam. Bids will be disqualified if the Surety Company does not have a valid Certificate of Authority from the Government of Guam to conduct business in Guam.
- [X] 15. **COMPETENCY OF BIDDERS:** Bids will be considered only from the such bidders who, in the opinion of the Government, can show evidence of their ability, experience, equipment, and facilities to render satisfactory service.
- [X] 16. **DETERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITY OF BIDDERS:** The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right for securing from bidders information to determine whether or not they are responsible and to inspect plant site, place of business; and supplies and services as necessary to determine their responsibility in accordance with Section 15 of these General Terms and Conditions (GPR Section 3-401).
- [X] 17. **STANDARD FOR DETERMINATION OF LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER:** In determining the lowest responsible offer, the Chief Procurement Officer shall be guided by the following:
- a) Price of items offered.
 - b) The ability, capacity, and skill of the Bidder to perform.
 - c) Whether the Bidder can perform promptly or within the specified time.
 - d) The quality of performance of the Bidder with regards to awards previously made to him.
 - e) The previous and existing compliance by the Bidder with laws and regulations relative to procurement.
 - f) The sufficiency of the financial resources and ability of the Bidder to perform.
 - g) The ability of the bidder to provide future maintenance and services for the subject of the award.
 - h) The compliance with all of the conditions to the Solicitation.
- [X] 18. **TIE BIDS:** If the bids are for the same unit price or total amount in the whole or in part, the Chief Procurement Officer will determine award based on Section 3.202.15.2, or to reject all such bids (GPR Section 3-202.15.2).
- * [X] 19. **BRAND NAMES:** Any reference in the Solicitation to manufacturer's Brand Names and number is due to lack of a satisfactory specification of commodity description. Such preference is intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive and for the sole purpose of indicating prospective bidders a description of the article or services that will be satisfactory. Bids on comparable items will be considered provided the bidder clearly states in his bid the exact articles he is offering and how it differs from the original specification.
- [X] 20. **DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE:** Descriptive literature(s) as specified in this solicitation must be furnished as a part of the bid and must be received at the date and time set for opening Bids. The literature furnished must clearly identify the item(s) in the Bid. The descriptive literature is required to establish, for the purpose of evaluation and award, details of the product(s) the bidder proposes to furnish including design, materials, components, performance characteristics, methods of manufacture, construction, assembly or other characteristics which are considered appropriate. Rejection of the Bid will be required if the descriptive literature(s) do not show that the product(s) offered conform(s) to the specifications and other requirements of this solicitation. Failure to furnish the descriptive literature(s) by the time specified in the Solicitation will require rejection of the bid.
- [] 21. **SAMPLES:** Sample(s) of item(s) as specified in this solicitation must be furnished as a part of the bid and must be received at the date and time set for opening Bids. The sample(s) should represent exactly what the bidder proposes to furnish and will be used to determine if the item(s) offered complies with the specifications. Rejection of the Bid will be required if the sample(s) do not show that the product(s) offered conform(s) to the specifications and other requirements of this solicitation. Failure to furnish the sample(s) by the time specified in the Solicitation will require rejection of the Bid.
- * [] 22. **LABORATORY TEST:** Successful bidder is required to accompany delivery of his goods with a Laboratory Test Report indicating that the product he is furnishing the Government meets with the specifications. This report is on the bidder's account and must be from a certified Testing Association.
- [X] 23. **AWARD, CANCELLATION, & REJECTION:** Award shall be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, whose bid is determined to be the most advantageous to the Government, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in this solicitation. No other factors or criteria shall be used in the evaluation. The right is reserved as the interest of the Government may require to waive any minor irregularity in bid received. The Chief Procurement Officer shall have the authority to award, cancel, or reject bids, in whole or in part for any one or more items if he determines it is in the public interest. Award issued to the lowest responsible bidder within the specified time for acceptance as indicated in the solicitation, results in a bidding contract without further action by either party. In case of an error in the extension of prices, unit price will govern. It is the policy of the Government to award contracts to qualified local bidders. The government reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of the items for award and make additional awards for the same type items and the vendor agrees to such modifications and additional awards based on the bid prices for a period of thirty (30) days after original award. No award shall be made under this solicitation which shall require advance payment or irrevocable letter of credit from the government (GPR Section 3-202.14.1).