BID NO 18/FY/23

APPOINTMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO SUPPLY SERVER AND STORAGE EQUIPMENT THROUGH A LEASE AGREEMENT TO THE EASTERN CAPE PARKS & TOURISM AGENCY FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR A FURTHER TWO (2) YEARS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions were received by THE EASTERN CAPE PARKS & TOURISM AGENCY and are responded to accordingly.

No	QUESTION	ECPTA RESPONSE
1	Please may you confirm that this bid is only for SME/QSE as stated on page 16 and Datacentrix will not be considered should we submit a proposal and quote?	No. The bid is not set aside for SME/QSE's. The bid is open to all forms of businesses irrespective of the size. An addendum in this regard will be issued.
2	Will ECPTA consider an alternative OEM product ?	ECPTA will consider alternative OEM products with regards to the servers and storage. However, with regards to the Access Points (AP) and switches, these should be integrated into Fortigate.
3	Will ECPTA consider an alternative solution design ?	ECPTA will consider alternative solution design with regards to the servers and storage, both with the same CPU performance, storage capacity and performance. However, the AP and switches need to be integrated with Fortigate. The design solution must allow for separate subnets/VLAN that are secured with policies and IDS/Fortiguard.
4	Can ECPTA confirm the usable capacity required on the Production Storage Area Network?	The total requested capacity is 93TB with the usable storage +-80TB.

5	Can ECPTA provide make, model and serial number of the Core Switch?	The existing core switch is a HPE 5130 48G PoE+ 4SFP+ EI and SN CN66GQ007Z. As detailed in the bid document, the new core switch to host all of the 10Gb fiber ports from all the access switches will be Layer 2/3 FortiGate switch controller compatible switch with 24 x GE/10GE SFP/SFP+ slots and 2 x 100GE QSFP28. Dual AC power supplies.
6	Can ECPTA confirm the number of available 10Gb ports on the Core Switch?	The new core switch will need to cater for 15 fiber ports. Comprised of 9 x 24 port access switches. 6 fiber ports for 3 x 48 port switches. ECPTA will need the Service Provider to run 3 new fiber cables from the 1st and 2nd floors to the data center.
7	Can ECPTA provide what the total data capacity will need to be migrated?	ECPTA currently has +-40TB of data needing to be migrated.
8	Can ECPTA confirm if new cable run will be required for the Access Points?	ECPTA has existing cables to each AP position and will need to run a 2nd cable to each AP for Link Aggregation. So yes, a new cable is required.
9	Can ECPTA confirm if the Service Provider is to mount the Access Points?	Yes, the ECPTA requires the Service Provider to mount the new AP.

The ECPTA will respond to requests for clarification (Questions & Answers) received up to Five (5) working days before the tender closing date. The last day for receiving and responding to clarification is the 29th of November 2022.

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___14/11/2022_____

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