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“Acquisition of Servers and Storage & provision of ancillary services”

CLARIFICATION (3) – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Dear Madam/Sir,

In regards to the above mentioned Open Tender Procedure please find below the answers of Cedefop to the clarification questions, raised by two potential tenderers.

Question 1:

On page 14 of the Technical Specifications (paragraph 2.4.2 – Blade Enclosures) you request a Blade Enclosure with redundant cooling system. Since it is not precisely mentioned the number, should we offer fans that cover the enclosure when it's completely full with Servers?

Cedefop Answer to Question 1

The number of offered cooling fans and power supplies should be sufficient to cover the cooling and power needs of the total number of servers (2 high performance and 8 entry level) and the other blade enclosure needs (administrator and I/O modules) described in the financial Evaluation scenario. This sufficiency should be technically justified with the appropriate data.

Question 2:

On page 18 of the Technical Specifications (paragraph 2.4.6), you request Interconnectivity Components. What type of interconnect cables shall we offer in our financial offer for evaluation purposes?

Cedefop Answer to Question 2

As described in paragraph 2.2 on page 11 of the Technical Specifications our Cisco 6509 switches have two types of connectors for 10Gb speed:

- a) fibre 10GBASE-LX4 X2 modules and
- b) copper 10GBASE-CX4 X2 modules

The length of the existing 10GBASE-CX4 cables is ~10m.

We need to have both set of cables available in the product list. The tenderer must offer cables of **both types** in various sizes as follows:

- 1) The offered by you Interconnectivity component can be one equipped with fibre or with copper cable connectors to connect to our existing networking component (the Cisco 6509) and should include the appropriate set of cables per port. In your financial proposal please offer **one set of cables for each 10Gb port** of the offered by you Interconnectivity Component. This set of cables will be calculated in Cell H2.6b.2 of the financial Evaluation scenario (for evaluation purposes).
- 2) The other type (copper if fibre offered with your Interconnectivity Component, or vice versa) and the various cable sizes should also be given in the financial offer (cells H2.6...., which are not for evaluation purposes).

Question 3:

On page 34 of the call, you request the technical offer to have one original and three copies. Due to the large number of the official technical product sheets, could we submit one copy and the rest to be submitted in electronic format (i.e. CD-ROM) in order to help the workload of the evaluation committee?

Cedefop Answer to Question 3

Technical documentation (product technical sheets) could be submitted in electronic format (i.e. on CD-ROM), as long as they are submitted in four copies (1 “original” + 3 “copies”) and the files are properly categorised and organised in specific folders per item offered.

Question 4:

Regarding the cables that will be placed as Interconnect Cables (1Gbps or 10Gbe DAC or LC/LC) we would like to know what Cedefop wants to use for evaluation purposes?

Cedefop Answer to Question 4

Please refer to the Answer to Question 2 above.
