

Response Pre-bid Queries raised by vendors

Bid for Purchase of Desktops & other peripherals for various offices within the State of Gujarat under Revenue Department, Gandhinagar (Tender No. HWT121017471)

Sr. No.	Tender Reference		Query / Clarification / Suggestions from the Venders	Responses to Vendors
	Page No./Section No./ Clause No.	Tender Description		
1	Page No. 14 TECHNICAL MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS of Desktop	CPU - 6th Generation Intel® Core™ i5 (6M Cache, 3.00 GHz) or higher Motherboard - For (Intel H110 chipset or better)	<p>Technical Specifications in above mentioned tender using specific brand names and restricting competition. AMD understands that by way of the above mentioned Tender, Gujarat Informatics Ltd. (henceforth referred to as "GIL") intends to procure computing devices and peripherals for the Revenue Department in order to use them for computerization of the Department's needs. AMD is the world's second largest x86 micro-processor and Graphics Company and the ONLY Company that can provide both micro-processor and graphics. AMD's products are available from leading OEMs such as Lenovo, HP, Dell, Acer amongst others thereby providing a wide variety of choice. As a technology provider and a critical component in the Desktop, AMD would like to bring to your notice the technical specifications being used in the tender towards procurement of desktops have been framed in a restrictive manner so as to exclude bidders who wish to quote for AMD based desktops. This restrictive specification would go against the basic tenets of competitive procurement which provide maximum value to the exchequer of the state of Gujarat. In addition, the specifications so framed also violate the Rule 144 (i) (b), Rule 144 (ii) and Rule 144 of the General Financial Rules of 2017 issued by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. AMD would like to request for a meeting with the technical committee of the aforesaid tender in order to be able to put forth its representation and value proposition which would help the Department and GIL to ensure compliance of the Rules of the GFR to avoid any scrutiny or negative impact caused due to the current technical specifications. We look forward to hearing from you in advance of the pre-bid meeting in order to be able to discuss the above mentioned points. Rule 144(i)(b) clearly states "not indicate requirement for a particular trademark, trade name or brand", while the technical specifications mentioned in Page 14 of 24 of your tender document for Item Desktop PC, Sr. No. 1 CPU clearly uses Trademark and Brand names in violation of the aforesaid rule. Please note the highlighted portion (reproduced below) as extracted from your tender document clearly highlights the use of Trade Mark and Brand name.</p> <p>Further AMD would like to bring to your notice that across the country by various Central, State governments and public sector bodies are already following the practice of fair and open competition in technical specifications for procurement, we have listed a few for your reference: Rule 144(ii) states "the specifications in terms of quality, type etc., as also quantity of goods to be procured, should be clearly spelt out keeping in view the specific needs of the procuring organizations. The specifications so worked out should meet the basic needs of the organization without including superfluous and non-essential features, which may result in unwarranted expenditure", however the mention of brand names for the use of technical specification instead of intended use or specific need is against the above. In order for government departments who wish to procure IT hardware, the Ministry of IT & Electronics, Government of India has issued guidelines in the form of Model RFP(http://meity.gov.in/writereaddata/files/implementing-services.pdf) where in the Guidance notes in Page 191 of 216 mention that "Specifications should be vendor neutral and should emphasize on the required performance on industry standard benchmarks"</p> <p>Keeping in mind the above points, AMD would like to bring to your notice the deviation from the General Financial Rules of 2017, Govt. of India and the Model RFP, Ministry of IT & Electronics in addition to significant potential loss to the exchequer of the Govt. of Gujarat.</p> <p>We would also like to bring to your notice that the Govt. of Gujarat, through its nodal agency Gujarat Informatics Ltd., itself has in the past tendered for procurement of PCs by way of competitive specifications, hence we are unable to contend why the same has not been followed in this instance.</p>	As per Bid.
2	Page No. 14 TECHNICAL MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS of Printers	A4 size Duplex Mono Laser printer Processor CPU Speed :- 450 MHZ Memory :- 64 MB Network Connectivity	<p>We request you to change this to 300 to 400 MHZ or System Processor Utilization should be there. We are requesting you to change the Processor speed so that we are able to participate in the tender.</p> <p>As we are looking for high speed machine and even asked memory in MFP printers is 256 MB we are requesting to change the memory to 256 MB from 64 MB.</p> <p>We request you to add WIFI Connectivity in this point as now all the technologies are moving to WIFI and it will be the future technology also.</p>	See the changes in the Corrigendum
3			1. Installation Base- GIL should ask Scanner OEM to give scanner supplied in last 3 financial year in india	As per Bid.
4			2. Service Centre List for Gujarat Region with Service level Agreement from Scanner OEM.	As per Bid.
5			3. ADF - please Specified whether its without flat bade or with flatbed. Most of the brand having ADF in both Category.	As per Bid.
<p>Note : The Trend Micro Antivirus Software is required to be preinstalled by the successful bidder in the Desktops at factory. The Antivirus Agent file required to be collect from GIL & ensure that successful bidder should preloaded it before supply of Desktops.</p>				