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Published Call for Quotations – QMFA 081/2015

CLOSING DATE: Friday 30th October, 2015 at 10:00 hours

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs needs the following item/s:

**Supply and Delivery of Energy Efficient Firewalls
for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs**

***NOTE: It is within your Interest to READ the whole of this document
When submitting offers by email,
please include the above QMFA reference and Name of Call in the subject field.***

Section A: Instructions to Tenderers:

1. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA) requires the supply and delivery of two (2) energy efficient firewalls. The firewalls are required to be of the type **Cisco ASA 5515** in order to be compatible with the current system.
2. The minimum firewall performance is required to be 1 Gigabyte (Gb).
3. Bids should be compliant with the technical specifications under point 7 of this section and bidders are to include the compliance checklist with their offer.
4. The selected bidder is required to supply the items from stock and hence must be delivered not be more than three (3) weeks from date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance by MFA.
5. The switches are to be covered by the Limited Lifetime Warranty offered by HP on these products.
6. Goods are to be delivered at:
Information Management Unit,
Ministry for Foreign Affairs
172, Melita Street,
Valletta

7. Technical Specifications

Device:	Stateful Firewall Device firmware has the ability to be upgraded Device needs to be an appliance
Stateful inspection throughput (maximum)	1.2 Gbps
Stateful inspection throughput (multiprotocol)	600 Mbps
ASA IPS throughput	400 Mbps (extra hardware not required)
Next-generation firewall throughput	350 Mbps

(multiprotocol)	
Triple Data Encryption Standard/Advanced Encryption Standard (3DES/AES) VPN throughput	250 Mbps
Users or nodes	Unlimited
IPsec VPN peers	250
Cloud Web Security users	3000
AnyConnect Premium VPN peers (included; maximum)	2; 250
Concurrent connections	250,000
New connections per second	15,000
Virtual interfaces (VLANs)	100
Security contexts (included; maximum)	2, 5
High availability	Active/active and active/standby
Expansion slot	1 interface card
User-accessible Flash slot	No
USB 2.0 ports	2
Integrated I/O	6 GE copper
Expansion I/O	6 GE copper or 6 GE SFP
Dedicated management port	Yes (1 GE)
Serial ports	1 RJ-45 console

Solid-state drive	1 slot, 120 GB MLC SED
Memory	8 GB
Minimum system flash	8 GB
System bus	Multibus architecture
<u>Operating</u>	
Temperature	23 to 104°F (-5 to 40°C)
Relative humidity	10 to 90 percent noncondensing
Altitude	Designed and tested for 0 to 15,000 ft (4572 m)
Shock	70 G, 4.22 m/sec
Vibration	0.41 Grms ² (3 to 500 Hz) random input
Acoustic noise	64.2 dBA max
Nonoperating	
Temperature	-13 to 158°F (-25 to 70°C)
Relative humidity	10 to 90 percent noncondensing
Altitude	Designed and tested for 0 to 15,000 ft (4570 m)
Shock	70G, 4.22 m/sec
Vibration	1.12 Grms ² (3 to 500 Hz) random input
<u>Power – Input (per Power Supply)</u>	
AC range line voltage	100 to 240 VAC
AC normal line voltage	100 to 240 VAC
AC current	4.85A

AC frequency	50/60 Hz
Dual-power supplies	None
DC domestic line voltage	-40.5 to 56 VDC (-48 VDC nominal)
DC international line voltage	-55 to -72 VDC (-60 VDC nominal)
DC current	15A (maximum input)
<i>Output</i>	
Steady state	65W
Maximum peak	70W
Maximum heat dissipation	239 Btu/hr
Form factor	1RU, 19-in. rack-mountable
Dimensions (H x W x D)	1.67 x 16.7 x 15.6 In (4.24 x 42.9 x 39.5 cm)
Weight (with AC power supply)	13.39 lb (6.07 kg)
Device Management	Device must be fully compatible and fully controllable through on of the following already installed management tools: Ciscoverks LMS Ver4,2,5 or Network and Security Manager Ver 2011,1
Support	Supplier must include support quotation for devices quoted. Support must include possibility of contacting supplier to raise and download latest firmware under MITA username (which could already exist depending on device purchased). Device replacement is to be included as part of the support agreement. Maintenance and Support agreement/s shall commence when the equipment is installed for use.

Section B: Offer**Schedule of Prices**

Item	Description	Qty	Unit	Unit Price in € including delivery but excluding VAT*	Total Price in € including delivery but excluding VAT*
1	Supply and Delivery of Energy Efficient Firewalls for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs as per Instructions to Tenderers	2	Each		
Grand Total Price in € including Delivery but excluding VAT					

Technical Data sheet is enclosed	
Compliance checklist is enclosed	
VAT Rate (amend rate if necessary)	18%
Delivery period from Letter of Acceptance	weeks

Company Information:

Full name of company	
Address of Company	
Full name of contact person	
Designation of contact person	
Contact Telephone / Mobile Number	
Email Address	
VAT/ Registration number	

I hereby confirm that all conditions have been read and understood. I confirm that I oblige self to the said conditions.

Signature:

(the person or persons authorised to sign on behalf of the bidder)

Date:

Compliance checklist

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Section C; Terms and Conditions

- You are kindly requested to submit your quote/s for the above item/s. All quotes should include the following information:
 - Full name of company,
 - Address of Company,
 - Full name and Designation of contact person,
 - Contact Telephone Number / Mobile Number,
 - Email Address,
 - VAT number,
 - Date.
- Please note that quotes are to be submitted in Euro currency.
- Soft copies of the Submission must be provided in Word, Excel, pdf formats. When links are provided for Technical Specifications, these should lead to the website and must not require the downloading of any programs, the creation of accounts or other functions. Other formats will NOT be considered.
- Please note that ALL documents must include the Reference number together with the name of item being requested. In cases, where this information is not included, the Contracting Authority reserves the right NOT to consider you interest to participate.
- Documents can be sent either through email or brought by hand, in which case they should be inserted in the Tender Box found at the Directorate Corporate Services, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Level 4, 331, Allied House, St Paul Street, Valletta. Documents can be brought by hand from Monday to Friday between 8.00 am and 12.00 pm only. Offers received via E-mail will be inserted in a sealed envelope and posted in the respective box.
- Quotes must be valid for a minimum of 90 days.
- Quotes are to be submitted, without any commitment on behalf of the government.
- **Delivery costs must be included in all received quotes.**
 - Prices are to include delivery costs. The Bidder is advised to contact Valletta Local Council to familiarise self with any charges, permits and any other obligations that are to be borne by the contractor to effect delivery. The Contracting Authority shall not

be charged with any other charges on delivery which were not reflected in the respective bid.

- If a crane or other machinery is to be used, reference is being made to this form which is to be filled in and submitted to the Local Council. For further information kindly contact local council on 21234141 or 21251397.

<http://www.snapadministration.com/snapdatafiles/files/CityOfValletta/633823159651745000.pdf>

- The Government reserves the right to:
 - purchase different quantities than indicated in Section A Instructions to tenderers from the awarded tender, as long as it does not exceed €6,000;
 - impose Penalties if items are not delivered within the time stipulated in the quote submitted by the awarded tenderer, which must never exceed 3 weeks from date of order;
 - purchase a quantity of items on behalf of the awarded tenderer if the awarded tenderer fails to deliver the items within the time stipulated in the quote submitted by the same tenderer, which must never exceed 3 weeks from date of order.
- **Clarifications can be sought up to Friday 23rd October, 2015. Clarifications are to be requested by sending an email to procurement.mfa@gov.mt . The Contracting Authority will issue any additional information by Tuesday 27th October, 2015.**
- Tenderers must quote all components of the price inclusive of taxes/charges, and any discounts but exclusive of VAT on the appropriate Schedule of Rates provided in Section B above. It is of the utmost importance to stress that VAT shall be paid in accordance with the applicable VAT Regulations. No offers are accepted if are found not in accordance with or deviate from the original Schedule of Rates provided with this Call. The financial offer will be considered as the total financial cost to the Contracting Authority. Except as may otherwise be provided for in the contract, no payment will be made for items which have not been costed.
- If the tenderer offers a discount, the discount must be absorbed in the rates of the Schedule of Prices (Section B). The prices for the contract, must include all of the works to be provided. The prices quoted are fixed and not subject to revision or escalation in costs.
- Items offered that do not conform to specifications will not be considered.
- Tender will be awarded to the cheapest specifications compliant offer.

- Please note that it is entirely the Tenderer's responsibility to ascertain that the Request for Participation is received BEFORE the deadline for submission. Thus, the government cannot be held responsible for Quotes/Request for Participation which are not recorded on the Schedule of Offers sheet after the opening session because these were received after the expiry of the above deadline.

- All submissions should be sent either:
 - by email on procurement.mfa@gov.mt or
 - by handby 10:00am on **Friday 30th October, 2015**

- ANY OFFERS SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED.