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March 17, 2020

**Memorandum:**

**To:** All Prospective Bidders

**From:** Administrator of the Courts

**Re:** Amendment no. 4  
**Ref:** IFB 20-02; Desktop Computers, Computer Monitors, Laptops & UPS

Below are responses to the questions/clarifications submitted to my office in reference to the above IFB 20-02:

1. Reference the Judiciary of Guam (JOG) amendment 2 to this IFB, at the Court's response to question 5, related to the JOG's request for bid item 5 and 6 as brand name specific requirements, in this base the DELL brand. This amendment and clarification for items 5 and 6, creates an ambiguity in these bid specifications with the IFB's General Terms and Conditions #22 marked as applicable to this IFB which specifically states:

22. Brand Names: Any reference in the Solicitation to manufacturer's Brand Names and number is due to lack of satisfactory specifications of commodity description. Such reference is intended to be descriptive, but not restrictive and for the sole purpose of indicating to 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.

As noted in #22 of the IFB General Terms and Conditions, the use of a Brand name is not meant to be restrictive or limiting on the product that may be proposed for the items to be procured. However, the wording and clarification issued by the JOG creates a specific limitation of these items to Dell brand in contradiction to the General Terms and Conditions noted.

We request that the Court clarify this matter and state that Dell Brand or equivalent system that meets the stated specifications is acceptable to the Court for these items.

**Response:** Please be advised that #22 of the General Terms and Conditions for IFB 20-02 is removed and will not be required for this particular bid.

2. Specifications for item 1 and 5 require a 256GB Disk Drive. It has been advised by our suppliers that "Disk Drive" storage of this capacity is no longer available and have been replaced by Solid State Devices (SSD). SSD's are available that provided a 256Gb capacity level and do so at a lower cost, higher performance, and with better reliability than previous "Disk Drive" technology. Please confirm that systems that use the new SSD storage technology are acceptable for this specification.

**Response:** The Judiciary confirms that systems that use the new SSD storage technology are acceptable for this specification.

3. Section V states that funding for this project comes from federal grants, is there a grant requirement that the items need to be purchased to be Trade Act Agreement (TAA) compliant?

**Response:** There is NO requirement that items indicated in IFB 20-02 have to be TAA compliant.

4. We request that the bid turn in date be extended to allow the JOG to respond to the above clarification requests and to allow bidders a reasonable period of time to prepare their bid submissions accordingly.

**Response:** The closing date for IFB 20-02 will remain as indicated through Amendment No. 1 at 2:00 p.m. on March 18, 2020.

5. I would like to request the ability to submit the BID electronically to avoid unnecessary Contact during the 2 week quarantine period.

**Response:** The Judiciary will not accept bids that are electronically submitted. A drop box will be set up outside the main entrance of the Judicial Center for any vendor who does not wish to enter the Guam Judicial Center.

**Please be reminded that this Amendment no. 4 shall be acknowledged in your bid proposal. Failure to acknowledge this Amendment may result in disqualification from this bid.**

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