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THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government - Home Affairs Division

Procurement of Goods

Under

National Competitive Bidding Procedure

Supply, Installation, Configuration & Maintenance of a Firewall device for the computer network of the "Nila Madura" building complex

Contract No: HA/F/PRO/04/Computer Network

Date of Closing: 17.11.2026

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Issued by:

Accountant (Procurement)
Finance Division
Ministry of Public Administration,
Provincial Councils and Local
Government– Home Affairs Division
"Nila Madura" Building
Elvitigala Mawatha,
Colombo – 05



INVITATION FOR BIDS

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, PROVINCIAL COUNCILS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Home Affairs Division

The Home Affairs Division of the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government invites bids for the installation of a Firewall appliance for the computer network of the "Nila Madura" Administrative Complex..

02. Bidding documents can be obtained from the Procurement Branch upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00 to the Cashier of the Finance Division, located on the 16th Floor of the "Nila Madura" Building, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 05, from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. during the period from 02.11.2026 to 16.11.2026. A written request addressed to the "Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government" must be submitted together with the receipt obtained upon payment.

Suppliers are also provided with the opportunity to inspect the bidding documents through the website www.moha.gov.lk during the above-mentioned period.

03. Duly completed bids shall be submitted in duplicate, marked "Original" and "Duplicate", and sealed separately. The envelope containing the bidding documents shall be marked "Invitation for Bids for the Installation of a Firewall Appliance" on the top left-hand corner.

Bids may be submitted by registered post or deposited in the tender box placed at the Procurement Unit of the Finance Division on the 16th Floor, to reach the relevant office before 10.00 a.m. on 17.11.2026.

The bids submitted shall remain valid until 02.02.2027.

If bids are submitted by registered post, they shall be sent to the following address. Late bids will be rejected.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government
Home Affairs Finance Division
16th Floor,
Nila Madura,
Elvitigala Mawatha,
Colombo 05.

04. Bids will be opened at 10.15 a.m. on 17.11.2026, immediately after the closing time for the receipt of bids, at the Home Affairs Finance Division on the 16th Floor. Bidders or their duly authorized representatives may attend the bid opening.

05. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 06.11.2026 in the Conference Hall on the 18th Floor.

For further information, please contact: 011-2050412 / 011-2050416

Secretary
Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government
Home Affairs Division.

Volume I

Section I. Instructions to Bidders (ITB)

Section VI. Conditions of Contract (CC)

Section VIII. Contract Forms

Section I. Instructions to Bidders (ITB)

ITB shall be read in conjunction with the Section II, Bidding Data Sheet (BDS), which shall take precedence over ITB.

General

1. Scope of Bid

1.1 The Purchaser indicated in the Bidding Data Sheet (BDS), issues these Bidding Documents for the supply of Goods and Related Services incidental thereto as specified in Section V, Schedule of Requirements. The name and identification number of this procurement are specified in the BDS . The name, identification, and number of lots (individual contracts), if any, are provided in the BDS.

1.2 Throughout these Bidding Documents:

(a) the term "in writing" means communicated in written form by mail (other than electronic mail) or hand delivered with proof of receipt;

(b) if the context so requires, "singular" means "plural" and vice versa; and

(c) "day" means calendar day.

2. Source of Funds

2.1 Payments under this contract will be financed by the source specified in the BDS .

3. Ethics, Fraud and Corruption

3.1 The attention of the bidders is drawn to the following guidelines of the Procurement Guidelines published by National Procurement Agency:

- Parties associated with Procurement Actions, namely, suppliers/contractors and officials shall ensure that they maintain strict confidentiality throughout the process;
- Officials shall refrain from receiving any personal gain from any Procurement Action. No gifts or inducement shall be accepted. Suppliers/contractors are liable to be disqualified from the bidding process if found offering any gift or inducement which may have an effect of influencing a decision or impairing the objectivity of an official.

3.2 The Purchaser requires the bidders, suppliers, contractors, and consultants to observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuit of this policy:

(a) "corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the action of a public

official in the procurement process or in contract execution;

(b) "fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation or omission of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract;

(c) "collusive practice" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Purchaser to establish bid prices at artificial, noncompetitive levels; and

(d) "coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the procurement process or affect the execution of a contract.

3.3 If the Purchaser found any unethical practices as stipulated under ITB Clause 3.2, the Purchaser will reject a bid, if it is found that a Bidder directly or through an agent, engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in competing for the Contract in question.

4. Eligible Bidders

4.1 All bidders shall possess legal rights to supply the Goods under this contract.

4.2 A Bidder shall not have a conflict of interest. All bidders found to have conflict of interest shall be disqualified. Bidders may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this bidding process, if they:

(a) are or have been associated in the past, with a firm or any of its affiliates which have been engaged by the Purchaser to provide consulting services for the preparation of the design, specifications, and other documents to be used for the procurement of the goods to be purchased under these Bidding Documents ; or

(b) submit more than one bid in this bidding process. However, this does not limit the participation of subcontractors in more than one bid.

4.3 A Bidder that is under a declaration of ineligibility by the National Procurement Agency (NPA), at the date of submission of bids or at the date of contract award, shall be disqualified. The list of debarred firms is available at the website of NPA, www.npa.gov.lk .

4.4 Foreign Bidder may submit a bid only if so stated in the in

the BDS.

5. Eligible Goods and Related Services

5.1 All goods supplied under this contract shall be complied with applicable standards stipulated by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute (SLSI). In the absence of such standards, the Goods supplied shall be complied to other internationally accepted standards.

Contents of Bidding Documents

6. Sections of Bidding Documents

6.1 The Bidding Documents consist of 2 Volumes, which include all the sections indicated below, and should be read in conjunction with any addendum issued in accordance with ITB Clause 8.

Volume 1

- Section I. Instructions to Bidders (ITB)
- Section VI. Conditions of Contract (CC)
- Section VIII. Contract Forms

Volume 2

- Section II. Bidding Data Sheet (BDS)
- Section III. Evaluation and Qualification Criteria
- Section IV. Bidding Forms
- Section V. Schedule of Requirements
- Section VII. Contract Data

6.2 The Bidder is expected to examine all instructions, forms, terms, and specifications in the Bidding Documents. Failure to furnish all information or documentation required by the Bidding Documents may result in the rejection of the bid.

7. Clarification of Bidding Documents

7.1 A prospective Bidder requiring any clarification of the Bidding Documents including the restrictiveness of specifications shall contact the Purchaser in writing at the Purchaser's address specified in the BDS. The Purchaser will respond in writing to any request for clarification, provided that such request is received no later than ten (10) days prior to the deadline for submission of bids. The Purchaser shall forward copies of its response to all those who have purchased the Bidding Documents, including a description of the inquiry but without identifying its source. Should the Purchaser deem it necessary to amend the Bidding Documents as a result of a clarification, it shall do so following the procedure under ITB Clause 8.

8. Amendment of Bidding Documents

8.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the Purchaser may amend the Bidding Documents by issuing addendum.

8.2 Any addendum issued shall be part of the Bidding Documents and shall be communicated in writing to all who have purchased the Bidding Documents.

8.3 To give prospective Bidders reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their bids, the Purchaser may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids, pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 23.2

Preparation of Bids

9. Cost of Bidding

9.1 The Bidder shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and the Purchaser shall not be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.

10. Language of Bid

10.1 The Bid, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Bid (including supporting documents and printed literature) exchanged by the Bidder and the Purchaser, shall be written in English language.

11. Documents Comprising the Bid

11.1 The Bid shall comprise the following:

(a) Bid Submission Form and the applicable Price Schedules, in accordance with ITB Clauses 12, 14, and 15;

(b) Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration, in

accordance with ITB Clause 20;

(c) documentary evidence in accordance with ITB Clauses 18 and 29, that the Goods and Related Services conform to the Bidding Documents;

(d) documentary evidence in accordance with ITB Clause 18 establishing the Bidder's qualifications to perform the contract if its bid is accepted; and

(e) any other document required in the BDS.

12. Bid Submission Form and Price Schedules

12.1 The Bidder shall submit the Bid Submission Form using the form furnished in Section IV, Bidding Forms. This form must be completed without any alterations to its format, and no substitutes shall be accepted. All blank spaces shall be filled in with the information requested.

13. Alternative Bids

13.1 Alternative bids shall not be considered.

14. Bid Prices and Discounts

14.1 The Bidder shall indicate on the Price Schedule the unit prices and total bid prices of the goods it proposes to supply under the Contract.

14.2 Any discount offered against any single item in the price schedule shall be included in the unit price of the item. However, a Bidder wishes to offer discount as a lot the bidder may do so by indicating such amounts appropriately.

14.3 If so indicated in ITB Sub-Clause 1.1, bids are being invited for individual contracts (lots) or for any combination of contracts (packages). Unless otherwise indicated in the BDS, prices quoted shall correspond to 100 % of the items specified for each lot and to 100% of the quantities specified for each item of a lot. Bidders wishing to offer any price reduction (discount) for the award of more than one Contract shall specify the applicable price reduction separately..

14.4 (i) Prices indicated on the Price Schedule shall include all duties and sales and other taxes already paid or payable by the Supplier:

(a) on components and raw material used in the manufacture or assembly of goods quoted; or

(b) on the previously imported goods of foreign origin

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(ii) However, VAT shall not be included in the price but shall be indicated separately;

(iii) the price for inland transportation, insurance and other related services to deliver the goods to their final destination;

(iv) the price of other incidental services

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14.5 The Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder's performance of the Contract and not subject to variation on any account. A bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation will be treated as non-responsive and rejected, pursuant to ITB Clause 31.

14.6 All lots, if any, and items must be listed and priced separately in the Price Schedules. If a Price Schedule shows items listed but not priced, their prices shall be assumed to be included in the prices of other items.

15. Currencies of Bid

15.1 Unless otherwise stated in Bidding Data Sheet, the Bidder shall quote in Sri Lankan Rupees and payment shall be payable only in Sri Lanka Rupees.

16. Documents Establishing the Eligibility of the Bidder

16.1 To establish their eligibility in accordance with ITB Clause 4, Bidders shall complete the Bid Submission Form, included in Section IV, Bidding Forms.

17. Documents Establishing the Conformity of the Goods and Related Services

17.1 To establish the conformity of the Goods and Related Services to the Bidding Documents, the Bidder shall furnish as part of its Bid the documentary evidence that the Goods conform to the technical specifications and standards specified in Section V, Schedule of Requirements.

17.2 The documentary evidence may be in the form of literature, drawings or data, and shall consist of a detailed item by item description (given in Section V, Technical Specifications) of the essential technical and performance characteristics of the Goods and Related Services, demonstrating substantial responsiveness of the Goods and Related Services to the technical specification, and if applicable, a statement of deviations and exceptions to the provisions of the Schedule of Requirements.

17.3 The Bidder shall also furnish a list giving full particulars, including quantities, available sources and current prices of spare parts, special tools, etc., necessary for the proper and continuing functioning of the Goods during the period if specified in the BDS following commencement of the use of the goods by the Purchaser.

18. Documents Establishing the Qualifications of the Bidder

18.1 The documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications to perform the contract if its bid is accepted shall establish to the Purchaser's satisfaction:

(a) A Bidder that does not manufacture or produce the Goods it offers to supply shall submit the Manufacturer's Authorization using the form included in Section IV, Bidding Forms to demonstrate that it has been duly authorized by the manufacturer or producer of the Goods to supply these Goods;

(b) that, if required in the BDS , in case of a Bidder not doing business within Sri Lanka, the Bidder is or will be (if awarded the contract) represented by an Agent in Sri Lanka equipped and able to carry out the Supplier's maintenance, repair and spare parts-stocking obligations prescribed in the Conditions of Contract and/or Technical Specifications; and

(c) that the Bidder meets each of the qualification criterion specified in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

19. Period of Validity of Bids

19.1 Bids shall remain valid until the date specified in the BDS. A bid valid for a shorter date shall be rejected by the Purchaser as non responsive.

19.2 In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the bid validity date, the Purchaser may request bidders to extend the period of validity of their bids. The request and the responses shall be made in writing. If a Bid Security is requested in accordance with ITB Clause 20, it shall also be extended for a corresponding period. A Bidder may refuse the request without forfeiting its Bid Security. A Bidder granting the request shall not be required or permitted to modify its bid.

20. Bid Security

20.1 The Bidder shall furnish as part of its bid, a Bid Security or a Bid-Securing Declaration, as specified in the BDS.

20.2 The Bid Security shall be in the amount specified in the BDS and denominated in Sri Lanka Rupees, and shall:

(a) at the bidder's option, be in the form of either a bank draft, a letter of credit, or a bank guarantee from a banking institution;

(b) be issued by a institution acceptable to Purchaser. The acceptable institutes are published in the NPA website, www.npa.gov.lk.

(c) be substantially in accordance with the form included

in Section IV, Bidding Forms;

(d) be payable promptly upon written demand by the Purchaser in case the conditions listed in ITB Clause 20.5 are invoked;

(e) be submitted in its original form; copies will not be accepted;

(f) remain valid for the period specified in the BDS.

20.3 Any bid not accompanied by a substantially responsive Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 20.1 and 20.2, may be rejected by the Purchaser as non-responsive.

20.4 The Bid Security of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the Performance Security pursuant to ITB Clause 43.

20.5 The Bid Security may be forfeited or the Bid Securing Declaration executed:

(a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form, except as provided in ITB Sub-Clause 19.2; or

(b) if a Bidder does not agreeing to correction of arithmetical errors in pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 30.3

(c) if the successful Bidder fails to:

(i) sign the Contract in accordance with ITB Clause 42;

(ii) furnish a Performance Security in accordance with ITB Clause 43.

21. Format and Signing of Bid

21.1 The Bidder shall prepare one original of the documents comprising the bid as described in ITB Clause 11 and clearly mark it as "ORIGINAL." In addition, the Bidder shall submit a copy of the bid and clearly mark it as "COPY." In the event of any discrepancy between the original and the copy, the original shall prevail.

21.2 The original and the Copy of the bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Bidder.

21.3 Any interlineations, erasures, or overwriting shall be valid

only if they are signed or initialed by the person signing the Bid.

Submission and Opening of Bids

22. Submission, Sealing and Marking of Bids

22.1 Bidders may always submit their bids by mail or by hand.

(a) Bidders submitting bids by mail or by hand, shall enclose the original and the copy of the Bid in separate sealed envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as "ORIGINAL" and "COPY." These envelopes containing the original and the copy shall then be enclosed in one single envelope.

22.2 The inner and outer envelopes shall:

(a) Bear the name and address of the Bidder;

(b) be addressed to the Purchaser in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 23.1;

(c) bear the specific identification of this bidding process as indicated in the BDS; and

(d) bear a warning not to open before the time and date for bid opening, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 261.

If all envelopes are not sealed and marked as required, the Purchaser will assume no responsibility for the misplacement or premature opening of the bid.

23. Deadline for Submission of Bids

23.1 Bids must be received by the Purchaser at the address and no later than the date and time specified in the BDS.

23.2 The Purchaser may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids by amending the Bidding Documents in accordance with ITB Clause 8, in which case all rights and obligations of the Purchaser and Bidders previously subject to the deadline shall thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

24. Late Bids

24.1 The Purchaser shall not consider any bid that arrives after the deadline for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 23. Any bid received by the Purchaser after the deadline for submission of bids shall be declared late, rejected, and returned unopened to the Bidder.

25. Withdrawal, and Modification of Bids

25.1 A Bidder may withdraw, or modify its Bid after it has been submitted by sending a written notice in accordance with ITB Clause 22, duly signed by an authorized representative, and shall include a copy of the authorization in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 21.2, (except that no copies of the

withdrawal notice are required). The corresponding substitution or modification of the bid must accompany the respective written notice. All notices must be:

(a) submitted in accordance with ITB Clauses 21 and 22 (except that withdrawal notices do not require copies), and in addition, the respective envelopes shall be clearly marked "WITHDRAWAL," or "MODIFICAT ION;" and

(b) received by the Purchaser prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 23.

25.2 Bids requested to be withdrawn in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 25.1 shall be returned to the Bidders only upon notification of contract award to the successful bidder in accordance with sub clause 41.1..

25.3 No bid may be withdrawn, substituted, or modified in the interval between the deadline for submission of bids and the expiration of the period of bid validity specified by the Bidder on the Bid Submission Form or any extension thereof.

26. Bid Opening

26.1 The Purchaser shall conduct the bid opening in public at the address, date and time specified in the BDS.

26.2 First, envelopes marked "WITHDRAWAL" shall be opened and read out and the envelope with the corresponding bid may be opened at the discretion of the Purchaser. No bid withdrawal shall be permitted unless the corresponding withdrawal notice contains a valid authorization to request the withdrawal and is read out at bid opening. Envelopes marked "MODIFICATION" shall be opened and read out with the corresponding Bid. No Bid modification shall be permitted unless the corresponding modification notice contains a valid authorization to request the modification and is read out at Bid opening. Only envelopes that are opened and read out at Bid opening shall be considered further.

26.3 All other envelopes shall be opened one at a time, reading out: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a modification; the Bid Prices, including any discounts and alternative offers; the presence of a Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration, if required; and any other details as the Purchaser may consider appropriate. Only discounts and alternative offers read out at Bid opening shall be considered for evaluation. No Bid shall be rejected at Bid opening except for late bids, in accordance with ITB Sub-

Clause 24.1.

26.4 The Purchaser shall prepare a record of the Bid opening that shall include, as a minimum: the name of the Bidder and whether there is a withdrawal, or modification; the Bid Price, per lot if applicable, including any discounts, and the presence or absence of a Bid Security or Bid-Securing Declaration. The bids that were opened shall be resealed in separate envelopes, promptly after the bid opening. The Bidders' representatives who are present shall be requested to sign the attendance sheet. A copy of the record shall be distributed to all Bidders who submitted bids in time.

Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

27. Confidentiality

27.1 Information relating to the examination, evaluation, comparison, and post-qualification (if applicable) of bids, and recommendation of contract award, shall not be disclosed to bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until publication of the Contract Award.

27.2 Any effort by a Bidder to influence the Purchaser in the examination, evaluation, comparison, and post-qualification of the bids or contract award decisions may result in the rejection of its Bid.

27.3 Notwithstanding ITB Sub-Clause 27.2, if any Bidder wishes to contact the Purchaser on any matter related to the bidding process, from the time of bid opening to the time of Contract Award, it should do so in writing.

28. Clarification of Bids

28.1 To assist in the examination, evaluation, comparison and post-qualification of the bids, the Purchaser may, at its discretion, request any Bidder for a clarification of its Bid. Any clarification submitted by a Bidder in respect to its Bid and that is not in response to a request by the Purchaser shall not be considered for purpose of evaluation. The Purchaser's request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. No change in the prices or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by the Purchaser in the Evaluation of the bids, in accordance with ITB Clause 30.

29. Responsiveness of Bids

29.1 The Purchaser's determination of a bid's responsiveness is to be based on the contents of the bid itself.

29.2 A substantially responsive Bid is one that conforms to all the terms, conditions, and specifications of the Bidding Documents without material deviation, reservation, or

omission. A material deviation, reservation, or omission is one that:

(a) affects in any substantial way the scope, quality, or performance of the Goods and Related Services specified in the Contract; or

(b) limits in any substantial way, inconsistent with the Bidding Documents, the Purchaser's rights or the Bidder's obligations under the Contract; or

(c) if rectified would unfairly affect the competitive position of other bidders presenting substantially responsive bids.

29.3 If a bid is not substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, it shall be rejected by the Purchaser and may not subsequently be made responsive by the Bidder by correction of the material deviation, reservation, or omission.

30. Nonconformities, Errors, and Omissions

30.1 Provided that a Bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser may waive any non-conformities or omissions in the Bid that do not constitute a material deviation.

30.2 Provided that a bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser may request that the Bidder submit the necessary information or documentation, within a reasonable period of time, to rectify nonmaterial nonconformities or omissions in the bid related to documentation requirements. Such omission shall not be related to any aspect of the price of the Bid. Failure of the Bidder to comply with the request may result in the rejection of its Bid.

30.3 Provided that the Bid is substantially responsive, the Purchaser shall correct arithmetical errors on the following basis:

(a) if there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the line item total that is obtained by multiplying the unit price by the quantity, the unit price shall prevail and the line item total shall be corrected, unless in the opinion of the Purchaser there is an obvious misplacement of the decimal point in the unit price, in which case the line item total as quoted shall govern and the unit price shall be corrected;

(b) if there is an error in a total corresponding to the addition or subtraction of subtotals, the subtotals shall prevail and the total shall be corrected; and

(c) if there is a discrepancy between words and figures, the amount in words shall prevail, unless the amount

expressed in words is related to an arithmetic error, in which case the amount in figures shall prevail subject to (a) and (b) above.

30.4 If the Bidder that submitted the lowest evaluated Bid does not accept the correction of errors, its Bid shall be disqualified and its Bid Security shall be forfeited or its Bid-Securing Declaration shall be executed.

31. Preliminary Examination of Bids

31.1 The Purchaser shall examine the bids to confirm that all documents and technical documentation requested in ITB Clause 11 have been provided, and to determine the completeness of each document submitted.

31.2 The Purchaser shall confirm that the following documents and information have been provided in the Bid. If any of these documents or information is missing, the Bid shall be rejected.

(a) Bid Submission Form, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 12.1;

(b) Price Schedules, in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 12;

(c) Bid Security or Bid Securing Declaration, in accordance with ITB Clause 20.

32. Examination of Terms and Conditions; Technical Evaluation

32.1 The Purchaser shall examine the Bid to confirm that all terms and conditions specified in the CC and the Contract Data have been accepted by the Bidder without any material deviation or reservation.

32.2 The Purchaser shall evaluate the technical aspects of the Bid submitted in accordance with ITB Clause 17, to confirm that all requirements specified in Section V, Schedule of Requirements of the Bidding Documents have been met without any material deviation or reservation.

32.3 If, after the examination of the terms and conditions and the technical evaluation, the Purchaser determines that the Bid is not substantially responsive in accordance with ITB Clause 29, the Purchaser shall reject the Bid.

33. Conversion to Single Currency

33.1 If the bidders are allowed to quote in foreign currencies in accordance with sub clause 15.1, for evaluation and comparison purposes, the Purchaser shall convert all bid prices expressed in foreign currencies in to Sri Lankan Rupees using the selling rates prevailed 28 days prior to closing of bids as published by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. If this date falls on a public holiday the earliest working day prior to the date shall be applicable.

34. Domestic Preference

34.1 Domestic preference shall be a factor in bid evaluation only if stated in the BDS. If domestic preference shall be a bid-evaluation factor, the methodology for calculating the margin of preference and the criteria for its application shall be as specified in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

35. Evaluation of Bids

35.1 The Purchaser shall evaluate each bid that has been determined, up to this stage of the evaluation, to be substantially responsive.

35.2 To evaluate a Bid, the Purchaser shall only use all the factors, methodologies and criteria defined in this ITB Clause 35.

35.3 To evaluate a Bid, the Purchaser shall consider the following:

(a) the Bid Price as quoted in accordance with clause 14;

(b) price adjustment for correction of arithmetic errors in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 30.3;

(c) price adjustment due to discounts offered in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 14.2; and 14.3

(d) adjustments due to the application of the evaluation criteria specified in the BDS from amongst those set out in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria;

(e) adjustments due to the application of a domestic preference, in accordance with ITB Clause 34 if applicable.

35.4 The Purchaser's evaluation of a bid may require the consideration of other factors, in addition to the factors sted in ITB Sub-Clause 35.3, if specified in BDS. These factors may be related to the characteristics, performance, and terms and conditions of purchase of the Goods and Related Services. The effect of the factors selected, if any, shall be expressed in monetary terms to facilitate comparison of bids

35.5 If so specified in the BDS, these Bidding Documents shall allow Bidders to quote for one or more lots, and shall allow the Purchaser to award one or multiple lots to more than one Bidder. The methodology of evaluation to determine the lowest-evaluated lot combinations, is specified in Section III, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.

36. Comparison of Bids

36.1 The Purchaser shall compare all substantially responsive bids to determine the lowest-evaluated bid, in accordance

with ITB Clause 35.

37. Postqualification of the Bidder

37.1 The Purchaser shall determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is selected as having submitted the lowest evaluated and substantially responsive bid is qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

37.2 The determination shall be based upon an examination of the documentary evidence of the Bidder's qualifications submitted by the Bidder, pursuant to ITB Clause 18.

37.3 An affirmative determination shall be a prerequisite for award of the Contract to the Bidder. A negative determination shall result in disqualification of the bid, in which event the Purchaser shall proceed to the next lowest evaluated bid to make a similar determination of that Bidder's capabilities to perform satisfactorily.

38. Purchaser's Right to Accept Any Bid, and to Reject Any or All Bids

38.1 The Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to Bidders.

Award of Contract

39. Award Criteria

39.1 The Purchaser shall award the Contract to the Bidder whose offer has been determined to be the lowest evaluated bid and is substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

40. Purchaser's Right to Vary Quantities at Time of Award

40.1 At the time the Contract is awarded, the Purchaser reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of Goods and Related Services originally specified in Section V, Schedule of Requirements, provided this does not exceed twenty five percent (25%) or one unit which ever is higher and without any change in the unit prices or other terms and conditions of the bid and the Bidding Documents.

41. Notification of Award

41.1 Prior to the expiration of the period of bid validity, the Purchaser shall notify the successful Bidder, in writing, that its Bid has been accepted.

41.2 Until a formal Contract is prepared and executed, the notification of award shall constitute a binding Contract.

41.3 Upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the signed Contract Form and performance security pursuant to ITB Clause 43, the Purchaser will promptly notify each unsuccessful Bidder and will discharge its bid security, pursuant to ITB Clause 20.4.

42. Signing of Contract it.

42.1 Within Seven (7) days after notification, the Purchaser shall complete the Agreement, and inform the successful Bidder to sign

42.2 Within Seven (7) days of receipt of such information, the successful Bidder shall sign the Agreement.

43. Performance Security

43.1 Within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of notification of award from the Purchaser, the successful Bidder, if required, shall furnish the Performance Security in accordance with the CC, using for that purpose the Performance Security Form included in Section VIII Contract forms. The Employer shall promptly notify the name of the winning Bidder to each unsuccessful Bidder and discharge the Bid Securities of the unsuccessful bidders pursuant to ITB Sub-Clause 20.4.

43.2 Failure of the successful Bidder to submit the abovementioned Performance Security or sign the Contract shall constitute sufficient grounds for the annulment of the award and forfeiture of the Bid Security or execution of the BidSecuring Declaration. In that event the Purchaser may award the Contract to the next lowest evaluated Bidder, whose offer is substantially responsive and is determined by the Purchaser to be qualified to perform the Contract satisfactorily.

Section VI. Conditions of Contract

1. Definitions

1.1 The following words and expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

(a) "Contract" means the Contract Agreement entered into between the Purchaser and the Supplier, together with the Contract Documents referred to therein, including all attachments, appendices, and all documents incorporated by reference therein.

(b) "Contract Documents" means the documents listed in the Contract Agreement, including any amendments thereto.

(c) "Contract Price" means the price payable to the Supplier as specified in the Contract Agreement, subject to such additions and adjustments thereto or deductions therefrom, as may be made pursuant to the Contract.

(d) "Day" means calendar day.

(e) "Completion" means the fulfillment of the supply of Goods to the destination specified and completion of the Related Services by the Supplier in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Contract.

(f) "CC" means the Conditions of Contract.

(g) "Goods" means all of the commodities, raw material, machinery and equipment, and/or other materials that the Supplier is required to supply to the Purchaser under the Contract.

(h) "Purchaser" means the entity purchasing the Goods and Related Services, as specified in the Contract Data.

(i) "Related Services" means the services incidental to the supply of the goods, such as insurance, installation, training and initial maintenance and other such obligations of the Supplier under the Contract.

(j) "Subcontractor" means any natural person, private or government entity, or a combination of the above, to whom any part of the Goods to be supplied or execution of any part of the Related Services is subcontracted by the Supplier.

(k) "Supplier" means the natural person, private or government entity, or a combination of the above, whose bid to perform the Contract has been accepted by the Purchaser and is named as such in the Contract Agreement.

(l) "The Project Site," where applicable, means the place named in the Contract Data.

2. Contract Documents

2.1 Subject to the order of precedence set forth in the Contract Agreement, all documents forming the Contract (and all parts thereof) are intended to be correlative, complementary, and mutually explanatory. The Contract Agreement shall be read as a whole.

3. Fraud and Corruption

3.1 The Government of Sri Lanka requires the Purchaser as well as bidders, suppliers, contractors, and consultants to observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuit of this policy:

(i) "corrupt practice" means offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence the action of a public official in the procurement process or in contract execution;

(ii) "fraudulent practice" means a misrepresentation or omission of facts in order to influence a procurement process or the execution of a contract;

(iii) "collusive practice" means a scheme or arrangement between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the Purchaser to establish bid prices at artificial, noncompetitive levels; and

(iv) "coercive practice" means harming or threatening to harm, directly or indirectly, persons or their property to influence their participation in the procurement process or affect the execution of a coract.

4. Interpretation

4.1 If the context so requires it, singular means plural and vice versa.

4.2 Entire Agreement

The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Purchaser and the Supplier and supersedes all communications, negotiations and agreements (whether

written or oral) of the parties with respect thereto made prior to the date of Contract.

4.3 Amendment

No amendment or other variation of the Contract shall be valid unless it is in writing, is dated, expressly refers to the Contract, and is signed by a duly authorized representative of each party thereto.

4.4 Severability

If any provision or condition of the Contract is prohibited or rendered invalid or unenforceable, such prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions and conditions of the Contract.

5. Language

5.1 The Contract as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Contract exchanged by the Supplier and the Purchaser, shall be written in English language. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Contract may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in the language specified, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Contract, this translation shall govern.

5.2 The Supplier shall bear all costs of translation to the governing language and all risks of the accuracy of such translation, for documents provided by the Supplier.

6. Joint Venture, Consortium or Association

6.1 If the Supplier is a joint venture, consortium, or association, all of the parties shall be jointly and severally liable to the Purchaser for the fulfillment of the provisions of the Contract and shall designate one party to act as a leader with authority to bind the joint venture, consortium, or association. The composition or the constitution of the joint venture, consortium, or association shall not be altered without the prior consent of the Purchaser.

7. Eligibility

7.1 All goods supplied under this contract shall be complied with applicable standards stipulated by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute. In the absence of such standards, the Goods supplied shall be complied to other internationally accepted standards, such as British Standards.

8. Notices

8.1 Any notice given by one party to the other pursuant to the Contract shall be in writing to the address specified in the Contract Data. The term "in writing" means communicated in written form with proof of receipt.

8.2 A notice shall be effective when delivered or on the notice's effective date, whichever is later.

9. Governing Law

9.1 The Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

10. Settlement of Disputes

10.1 The Purchaser and the Supplier shall make every effort to resolve amicably by direct informal negotiation any disagreement or dispute arising between them under or in connection with the Contract.

10.2 If, after twenty-eight (28) days, the parties have failed to resolve their dispute or difference by such mutual consultation, then either the Purchaser or the Supplier may give notice to the other party of its intention to commence arbitration, as hereinafter provided, as to the matter in dispute, and no arbitration in respect of this matter may be commenced unless such notice is given. Any dispute or difference in respect of which a notice of intention to commence arbitration has been given in accordance with this Clause shall be finally settled by arbitration. Arbitration may be commenced prior to or after delivery of the Goods under the Contract. Arbitration proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the Arbitration Act No:11 of 1995.

10.3 Notwithstanding any reference to arbitration herein,

(a) the parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under the Contract unless they otherwise agree; and

(b) the Purchaser shall pay the Supplier any monies due the Supplier.

11. Scope of Supply

11.1 The Goods and Related Services to be supplied shall be as specified in the Schedule of Requirements.

12. Delivery and Documents

12.1 Subject to CC Sub-Clause 32.1, the Delivery of the Goods and Completion of the Related Services shall be in accordance with the Delivery and Completion Schedule specified in the Schedule of Requirements. Where applicable the details of shipping and other documents to be furnished by the Supplier are specified in the Contract Data.

13. Supplier's Responsibilities

13.1 The Supplier shall supply all the Goods and Related Services included in the Scope of Supply in accordance with CC Clause 11, and the Delivery and Completion Schedule, as per CC Clause 12.

14. Contract Price

14.1 Prices charged by the Supplier for the Goods supplied and the Related Services performed under the Contract shall not

vary from the prices quoted by the Supplier in its bid.

15. Terms of Payment

15.1 The Contract Price, shall be paid as specified in the Contract Data.

15.2 The Supplier's request for payment shall be made to the Purchaser in writing, accompanied by invoices describing, as appropriate, the Goods delivered and Related Services performed, and by the documents submitted pursuant to CC Clause 12 and upon fulfillment of all other obligations stipulated in the Contract.

15.3 Payments shall be made promptly by the Purchaser, but in no case later than twenty eight (28) days after submission of an invoice or request for payment by the Supplier, and after the Purchaser has accepted it.

16. Taxes and Duties

16.1 The Supplier shall be entirely responsible for all taxes, duties, license fees, etc., incurred until delivery of the contracted Goods to the Purchaser.

17. Performance Security

17.1 If required as specified in the Contract Data, the Supplier shall, within fourteen (14) days of the notification of contract award, provide a performance security of Ten percent (10%) of the Contract Price for the performance of the Contract.

17.2 The proceeds of the Performance Security shall be payable to the Purchaser as compensation for any loss resulting from the Supplier's failure to complete its obligations under the Contract.

17.3 As specified in the Contract Data, the Performance Security, if required, shall be in Sri Lanka Rupees and shall be in the format stipulated by the Purchaser in the Contract Data, or in another format acceptable to the Purchaser.

17.4 The Performance Security shall be discharged by the Purchaser and returned to the Supplier not later than twenty-eight (28) days following the date of Completion of the Supplier's performance obligations under the Contract, including any warranty obligations.

18. Copyright

18.1 The copyright in all drawings, documents, and other materials containing data and information furnished to the Purchaser by the Supplier herein shall remain vested in the Supplier, or, if they are furnished to the Purchaser directly or through the Supplier by any third party, including suppliers of materials, the copyright in such materials shall

remain vested in such third party.

19. Confidential Information

19.1 The Purchaser and the Supplier shall keep confidential and shall not, without the written consent of the other party hereto, divulge to any third party any documents, data, or other information furnished directly or indirectly by the other party hereto in connection with the Contract, whether such information has been furnished prior to, during or following completion or termination of the Contract. Notwithstanding the above, the Supplier may furnish to its Subcontractor such documents, data, and other information it receives from the Purchaser to the extent required for the Subcontractor to perform its work under the Contract, in which event the Supplier shall obtain from such Subcontractor an undertaking of confidentiality similar to that imposed on the Supplier under CC Clause 19.

19.2 The Purchaser shall not use such documents, data, and other information received from the Supplier for any purposes unrelated to the contract. Similarly, the Supplier shall not use such documents, data, and other information received from the Purchaser for any purpose other than the performance of the Contract.

19.3 The above provisions of CC Clause 19 shall not in any way modify any undertaking of confidentiality given by either of the parties hereto prior to the date of the Contract in respect of the Supply or any part thereof.

19.4 The provisions of CC Clause 19 shall survive completion or termination, for whatever reason, of the Contract.

20. Subcontracting

20.1 The Supplier shall notify the Purchaser in writing of all subcontracts awarded under the Contract if not already specified in the bid. Such notification, in the original bid or later shall not relieve the Supplier from any of its obligations, duties, responsibilities, or liability under the Contract.

20.2 Subcontracts shall comply with the provisions of CC Clauses 3 and 7.

21. Specifications and Standards

21.1 Technical Specifications and Drawings

(a) The Goods and Related Services supplied under this Contract shall conform to the technical specifications and standards mentioned in Section V, Schedule of Requirements and, when no applicable standard is mentioned, the standard shall be equivalent or superior to the official standards whose application is appropriate to the Goods' country of origin.

(b) The Supplier shall be entitled to disclaim responsibility for any design, data, drawing, specification or other document, or any modification thereof provided or designed by or on behalf of the Purchaser, by giving a notice of such disclaimer to the Purchaser.

(c) Wherever references are made in the Contract to codes and standards in accordance with which it shall be executed, the edition or the revised version of such codes and standards shall be those specified in the Schedule of Requirements. During Contract execution, any changes in any such codes and standards shall be applied only after approval by the Purchaser and shall be treated in accordance with CC Clause 32.

22. Packing and Documents

22.1 The Supplier shall pack the Goods as is required to prevent their damage or deterioration during transit to their final destination, as indicated in the Contract.

23. Insurance

23.1 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Data, the Goods supplied under the Contract shall be fully insured against loss or damage incidental to manufacture or acquisition, transportation, storage, and delivery.

24. Transportation

24.1 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Data, responsibility for arranging transportation of the Goods shall be a responsibility of the supplier.

25. Inspections and Tests

25.1 The Supplier shall at its own expense and at no cost to the Purchaser carry out all such tests and/or inspections of the Goods and Related Services as are specified in the Contract Data.

25.2 The inspections and tests may be conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its Subcontractor, at point of delivery, and/or at the Goods' final destination, or in another place as specified in the Contract Data. Subject to CC Sub-Clause 25.3, if conducted on the premises of the Supplier or its Subcontractor, all reasonable facilities and assistance, including access to drawings and production data, shall be furnished to the inspectors at no charge to the Purchaser.

25.3 The Purchaser or its designated representative shall be entitled to attend the tests and/or inspections referred to in CC Sub-Clause 25.2, provided that the Purchaser bear all of its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with such attendance including, but not limited to, all travelin g and board and lodging expenses.

25.4 Whenever the Supplier is ready to carry out any such test and inspection, it shall give a reasonable advance notice, including the place and time, to the Purchaser. The Supplier shall obtain from any relevant third party or manufacturer any necessary permission or consent to enable the Purchaser or its designated representative to attend the test and/or inspection.

25.5 The Purchaser may require the Supplier to carry out any test and/or inspection not required by the Contract but deemed necessary to verify that the characteristics and performance of the Goods comply with the technical specifications codes and standards under the Contract, provided that the Supplier's reasonable costs and expenses incurred in the carrying out of such test and/or inspection shall be added to the Contract Price. Further, if such test and/or inspection impedes the progress of manufacturing and/or the Supplier's performance of its other obligations under the Contract, due allowance will be made in respect of the Delivery Dates and Completion Dates and the other obligations so affected.

25.6 The Supplier shall provide the Purchaser with a report of the results of any such test and/or inspection.

25.7 The Purchaser may reject any Goods or any part thereof that fail to pass any test and/or inspection or do not conform to the specifications. The Supplier shall either rectify or replace such rejected Goods or parts thereof or make alterations necessary to meet the specifications at no cost to the Purchaser, and shall repeat the test and/or inspection, at no cost to the Purchaser, upon giving a notice pursuant to CC Sub-Clause 25.4.

25.8 The Supplier agrees that neither the execution of a test and/or inspection of the Goods or any part thereof, nor the attendance by the Purchaser or its representative, nor the issue of any report pursuant to CC Sub-Clause 25.6, shall release the Supplier from any warranties or other obligations under the Contract.

26. Liquidated Damages

26.1 Except as provided under CC Clause 31, if the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods by the Date(s) of delivery or perform the Related Services within the period specified in the Contract, the Purchaser may without prejudice to all its other remedies under the Contract, deduct from the Contract Price, as liquidated damages, a sum equivalent to the percentage specified in the Contract Data of the delivered price of the delayed Goods or unperformed Services for each week or part thereof of delay until actual delivery or performance, up to a

maximum deduction of the percentage specified in those Contract Data. Once the maximum is reached, the Purchaser may terminate the Contract pursuant to CC Clause 34.

27. Warranty

27.1 The Supplier warrants that all the Goods are new, unused, and of the most recent or current models, and that they incorporate all recent improvements in design and materials, unless provided otherwise in the Contract.

27.2 Subject to CC Sub-Clause 21.1(b), the Supplier further warrants that the Goods shall be free from defects arisin g from any act or omission of the Supplier or arising from design, materials, and workmanship, under normal use in the conditions prevailing in the country of final destination.

27.3 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Data, the warranty shall remain valid for twelve (12) months after the Goods, or any portion thereof as the case may be, have been delivered to and accepted at the final destination indicated in the Contract Data.

27.4 The Purchaser shall give notice to the Supplier stating the nature of any such defects together with all available evidence thereof, promptly following the discovery thereof. The Purchaser shall afford all reasonable opportunity for the Supplier to inspect such defects.

27.5 Upon receipt of such notice, the Supplier shall, within the period specified in the Contract Data, expeditiously repair or replace the defective Goods or parts thereof, at no cost to the Purchaser.

27.6 If having been notified, the Supplier fails to remedy the defect within the period specified in the Contract Data, the Purchaser may proceed to take within a reasonable period such remedial action as may be necessary, at the Supplier's risk and expense and without prejudice to any other rights which the Purchaser may have against the Supplier under the Contract.

28. Patent Indemnity

28.1 The Supplier shall, subject to the Purchaser's compliance with CC Sub-Clause 28.2, indemnify and hold harmless the Purchaser and its employees and officers from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the Purchaser may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the

Contract by reason of:

(a) the installation of the Goods by the Supplier or the use of the Goods in the country where the Site is located; and

(b) the sale in any country of the products produced by the Goods.

Such indemnity shall not cover any use of the Goods or any part thereof other than for the purpose indicated by or to be reasonably inferred from the Contract, neither any infringement resulting from the use of the Goods or any part thereof, or any products produced thereby in association or combination with any other equipment, plant, or materials not supplied by the Supplier, pursuant to the Contract.

28.2 If any proceedings are brought or any claim is made against the Purchaser arising out of the matters referred to in CC Sub-Clause 28.1, the Purchaser shall promptly give the Supplier a notice thereof, and the Supplier may at its own expense and in the Purchaser's name conduct such proceedings or claim and any negotiations for the settlement of any such proceedings or claim.

28.3 If the Supplier fails to notify the Purchaser within twenty-eight (28) days after receipt of such notice that it intends to conduct any such proceedings or claim, then the Purchaser shall be free to conduct the same on its own behalf.

28.4 The Purchaser shall, at the Supplier's request, afford all available assistance to the Supplier in conducting such proceedings or claim, and shall be reimbursed by the Supplier for all reasonable expenses incurred in so doing.

28.5 The Purchaser shall indemnify and hold harmless the Supplier and its employees, officers, and Subcontractors from and against any and all suits, actions or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs, and expenses of any nature, including attorney's fees and expenses, which the Supplier may suffer as a result of any infringement or alleged infringement of any patent, utility model, registered design, trademark, copyright, or other intellectual property right registered or otherwise existing at the date of the Contract arising out of or in connection with any design, data, drawing, specification, or other documents or materials provided or designed by or on behalf of the Purchaser.

29. Limitation of Liability

29.1 Except in cases of criminal negligence or willful misconduct,

(a) the Supplier shall not be liable to the Purchaser, whether in contract, tort, or otherwise, for any indirect or consequential loss or damage, loss of use, loss of production, or loss of profits or interest costs, provided that this exclusion shall not apply to any obligation of the Supplier to pay liquidated damages to the Purchaser and

(b) the aggregate liability of the Supplier to the Purchaser, whether under the Contract, in tort or otherwise, shall not exceed the total Contract Price, provided that this limitation shall not apply to the cost of repairing or replacing defective equipment, or to any obligation of the supplier to indemnify the purchaser with respect to patent infringement

30. Change in Laws and Regulations

30.1 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, if after the date of 28 days prior to date of Bid submission, any law, regulation, ordinance, order or bylaw having the force of law is enacted, promulgated, abrogated, or changed in Sri Lanka that subsequently affects the Delivery Date and/or the Contract Price, then such Delivery Date and/or Contract Price shall be correspondingly increased or decreased, to the extent that the Supplier has thereby been affected in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such additional or reduced cost shall not be separately paid or credited if the same has already been accounted for in the price adjustment provisions where applicable, in accordance with CC Claus e 14.

31. Force Majeure

31.1 The Supplier shall not be liable for forfeiture of its Performance Security, liquidated damages, or termination for default if and to the extent that its delay in performance or other failure to perform its obligations under the Contract is the result of an event of Force Majeure.

31.2 For purposes of this Clause, "Force Majeure" means an event or situation beyond the control of the Supplier that is not foreseeable, is unavoidable, and its origin is not due to negligence or lack of care on the part of the Supplier. Such events may include, but not be limited to, acts of the Purchaser in its sovereign capacity, wars or revolutions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, and freight embargoes.

31.3 If a Force Majeure situation arises, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of such condition and the cause thereof. Unless otherwise directed by the Purchaser in writing, the Supplier shall continue to perform its obligations under the Contract as far as is reasonably

practical, and shall seek all reasonable alternative means for performance not prevented by the Force Majeure event.

32. Change Orders and Contract Amendments

32.1 The Purchaser may at any time order the Supplier through notice in accordance CC Clause 8, to make changes within the general scope of the Contract in any one or more of the following:

(a) drawings, designs, or specifications, where Goods to be furnished under the Contract are to be specifically manufactured for the Purchaser;

(b) the method of shipment or packing;

(c) the place of delivery; and

(d) the Related Services to be provided by the Supplier.

32.2 If any such change causes an increase or decrease in the cost of, or the time required for, the Supplier's performance of any provisions under the Contract, an equitable adjustment shall be made in the Contract Price or in the Delivery/Completion Schedule, or both, and the Contract shall accordingly be amended. Any claims by the Supplier for adjustment under this Clause must be asserted within twenty-eight (28) days from the date of the Supplier's receipt of the Purchaser's change order.

32.3 Prices to be charged by the Supplier for any Related Services that might be needed but which were not included in the Contract shall be agreed upon in advance by the parties and shall not exceed the prevailing rates charged to other parties by the Supplier for similar services.

32.4 Subject to the above, no variation in or modification of the terms of the Contract shall be made except by written amendment signed by the parties.

33. Extensions of Time

33.1 If at any time during performance of the Contract, the Supplier or its subcontractors should encounter conditions impeding timely delivery of the Goods or completion of Related Services pursuant to CC Clause 12, the Supplier shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing of the delay, its likely duration, and its cause. As soon as practicable after receipt of the Supplier's notice, the Purchaser shall evaluate the situation and may at its discretion extend the Supplier's time for performance, in which case the extension shall be ratified by the parties by amendment of the Contract.

33.2 Except in case of Force Majeure, as provided under CC Clause 31, a delay by the Supplier in the performance of its Delivery and Completion obligations shall render the

Supplier liable to the imposition of liquidated damages pursuant to CC Clause 26, unless an extension of time is agreed upon, pursuant to CC Sub-Clause 33.1.

34. Termination

34.1 Termination for Default

(a) The Purchaser, without prejudice to any other remedy for breach of Contract, by written notice of default sent to the Supplier, may terminate the Contract in whole or in part:

(i) if the Supplier fails to deliver any or all of the Goods within the period specified in the Contract, or within any extension thereof granted by the Purchaser pursuant to CC Clause 33;

(ii) if the Supplier fails to perform any other obligation under the Contract; or

(iii) if the Supplier, in the judgment of the Purchaser has engaged in fraud and corruption, as defined in CC Clause 3, in competing for or in executing the Contract.

(b) In the event the Purchaser terminates the Contract in whole or in part, pursuant to CC Clause 34.1(a), the Purchaser may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it deems appropriate, Goods or Related Services similar to those undelivered or not performed, and the Supplier shall be liable to the Purchaser for any additional costs for such similar Goods or Related Services. However, the Supplier shall continue performance of the Contract to the extent not terminated.

34.2 Termination for Insolvency.

(a) The Purchaser may at any time terminate the Contract by giving notice to the Supplier if the Supplier becomes bankrupt or otherwise insolvent. In such event, termination will be without compensation to the Supplier, provided that such termination will not prejudice or affect any right of action or remedy that has accrued or will accrue thereafter to the Purchaser

34.3 Termination for Convenience.

(a) The Purchaser, by notice sent to the Supplier, may terminate the Contract, in whole or in part, at any time for its convenience. The notice of termination shall specify that termination is for the Purchaser's convenience, the extent to which performance of the

Supplier under the Contract is terminated, and the date upon which such termination becomes effective.

(b) The Goods that are complete and ready for shipment within twenty-eight (28) days after the Supplier's receipt of notice of termination shall be accepted by the Purchaser at the Contract terms and prices. For the remaining Goods, the Purchaser may elect:

(i) to have any portion completed and delivered at the Contract terms and prices; and/or

(ii) to cancel the remainder and pay to the Supplier an agreed amount for partially completed Goods and Related Services and for materials and parts previously procured by the Supplier.

35. Assignment

35.1 Neither the Purchaser nor the Supplier shall assign, in whole or in part, their obligations under this Contract, except with prior written consent of the other party.

Section VIII. Contract Forms

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1. Contract Agreement

THIS CONTRACTA GREEMENT is made

The *[insert: number]* day of *[insert: month]*, *[insert: year]*.

BETWEEN

(1) *[insert complete name of Purchaser]*, a *[insert description of type of legal entity, for example, an agency of the Ministry of……or*

Corporation and having its principal place of business at *[insert address of Purchaser* (hereinafter called "the Purchaser"), and

(2) *[insert name of Supplier]*, a corporation incorporated under the laws of

[insert: country of Supplier] and having its principal place of business at

[insert: address of Supplier] (Hereinafter called "the Supplier").

WHEREAS the Purchaser invited bids for certain Goods and ancillary services, viz.,*[insert brief description of Goods and Services]* and has accepted a Bid by the Supplier for the supply of those Goods and Services in the sum of *[insert Contract Price in words and figures, expressed in the Contract currency(ies)]* (hereinafter called "the Contract Price").

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSE THAS FOLLOWS:

1. In this Agreement words and expressions shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the Conditions of Contract referred to.

2. The following documents shall constitute the Contract between the Purchaser and the Supplier, and each shall be read and construed as an integral part of the Contract:

   (a) This Contract Agreement

   (b) Contract Data

   (c) Conditions of Contract

   (d) Technical Requirements (including Schedule of Requirements and Technical Specifications)

   (e) The Supplier's Bid and original Price Schedules

   (f) The Purchaser's Notification of Award

   (g) [Add here any other document(s)]

3. This Contract shall prevail over all other Contract documents. In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency within the Contract documents, then the documents shall prevail in the order listed above.

4. In consideration of the payments to be made by the Purchaser to the Supplier as hereinafter mentioned, the Supplier hereby covenants with the Purchaser to provide the Goods and Services and to remedy defects therein in conformity in all respects with the provisions of the Contract.

5. The Purchaser hereby covenants to pay the Supplier in consideration of the provision of the Goods and Services and the remedying of defects therein, the Contract Price or such other sum as may become payable under the provisions of the Contract at the times and in the manner prescribed by the Contract.

IN WITNESS where of the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in accordance with the laws of *Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka* on the day, month and year indicated above.

For and on behalf of the Purchaser

Signed:*[insert signature]*

in the capacity of *[insert title or other appropriate designation]*

in the presence of *[insert identification of official witness]*

For and on behalf of the Supplier

Signed:*[insert signature of authorized representative(s) of the Supplier]*

in the capacity of *[insert title or other appropriate designation]*

in the presence of *[insert identification of official witness*

2. Performance Security

[The issuing agency, as requested by the successful Bidder, shall fill in this form in accordance with the instructions indicated]

.....

[Issuing Agency's Name, and Address of Issuing Branch or Office]

Beneficiary:..... [Name and Address of Employer]

Date: ----------

PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE No.: ----------

We have been informed that..... [Name of Supplier] (Hereinafter called "the Supplier") has entered into Contract No. .... [Reference number of the contract] dated..... With you for the .....Supply of .... [Name of contract and brief description] (hereinafter called "the Contract").

Furthermore, we understand that, according to the conditions of the Contract, a performance guarantee is required.

At the request of the Supplier, we..... [name of Agency] hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of .....[amount in figures] (..... .....) [amount in words], such sum being payable in the types and proportions of currencies in which the Contract Price is payable, upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Contractor is in breach of its obligation(s) under the Contract, without your needing to prove or to show grounds for your demand or the sum specified therein.

This guarantee shall expire, no later than the …. day of . ……, 20.. [**insert 28 days beyond the scheduled contract completion date**] and any demand for payment under it must be received by us at this office on or before that date.

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[signature(s)]

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ITB clause Reference	A. General
1.1	The purchaser is: Secretary, Home Affairs Division, Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government. Address : Nila Madura Building, Elvitigala Mawatha, Narahenpita, Colombo – 05
1.1	The name and identification number of the Contract is **"Supply, Installation, Configuration & Maintenance of a Firewall device for the computer network of the "Nila Madura" building complex"**
	B. Contents of Bidding Documents
7.1	For **Clarification of bid purposes** only, the Purchaser's address is: Attention**: Accountant (Procurement),** Address: **Finance section (16th Floor),** **Home Affairs Division,** **Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government.** **Nila Madura Building,** **Elvitigala Mawatha,** **Colombo – 05** Telephone: **011-2050412/ 011-2050412** Email: **procurement.ha@gmail.com**
	C: Preparation of Bid
11	The Bidder shall submit documentary evidence to confirm statement indicated in Section III (Evaluation and Qualification Criteria)
15	The bidder shall quote in **Sri Lankan Rupees** and payment shall be made same.
16	Spare parts should be available for minimum of 2 years after warranty period.
19	The bid shall be valid until 02nd February 2027
	D: Submission and Opening of Quotation
22	The inner and outer envelopes shall bear the following identification marks: **"Supply, Installation, Configuration & Maintenance of a Firewall device for the computer network of the "Nila Madura" building complex"**
26	The bid opening shall take place at: Address: **Finance section (16th Floor),**

	Home Affairs Division, **Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government.** **Nila Madura Building,** **Elvitigala Mawatha,** **Colombo – 05** **Date: 17th November 2026** **Time: 10.15 a.m**.
	E: Evaluation and Comparison of Bid
34	Domestic preference S**hall Not be** an evaluation factor.

20	The amount of the Bid Security shall be Rs.180,000.00 The Bid Securities shall be valid up to **02nd March 2027.**

SECTION III

Evaluation and Qualification Criteria

This Section complements the Instructions to Bidders. It contains the criteria that the Purchaser uses to evaluate a bid and determine whether a Bidder has the required qualifications. No other criteria shall be used.

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1. Evaluation Criteria (ITB 35.3)

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1. Evaluation Criteria (ITB 35.3)

The Purchaser's evaluation of a bid may take into account, in addition to the Bid Price quoted in accordance with ITB Clause 14, all of the following factors as specified in ITB Sub-Clause 35.3(d) and in BDS referring to ITB 35.3(d), using the following criteria and methodologies.

Following documents shall be considered for evaluation

1. Bidder should furnish certified copy of Business Registration/ Company Registration. Latest Form 15 and Related forms if any changes for Form 15 in the case of Company Registration.
2. Duly signed Bid Submission form.
3. VAT Registration Certificate
4. Audited Annual Financial Statements for the financial year 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26
5. 3 years Experience in sale of relevant item.
6. Bidders must submit a Non-Collusion Declaration as per the Procurement Guideline 1.5.
7. Following supporting document shall be submitted in order to verify authentication of the bid submission.
    a. In the case of a limited liability Company or a Corporation: A Power of Attorney (either notarized or attested to by an appropriate authority), or a special Board resolution certified by a Company Secretary or copy of the Article of Association.
    b. Where bid is submitted by a single Proprietor: Signature of the Proprietor or Power of Attorney given by the proprietor .
    c. Where bid is submitted by a Partnership: All partners or any other person under the valid Power of Attorney.
    d. Bids submitted by a joint Venture: Power of Attorney (either notarized or attested by an appropriate authority in the Proposers home Country; It shall include an undertaking Signed by all parties(i) Stating that all parties shall be jointly and severally liable and (ii) Nominating a representative who shall have the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of all the parties of the JV during the bidding process and in the event the JV is awarded the Contract, during Contract, execution.
8. Bid Security as per the format given in section IV.
9. Duly filled Specification forms.
10. Compliance to the Technical Specification.
11. Bid price schedule
12. Bidders offered Delivery period
13. The Bidder shall have a minimum of five (05) years of experience in the ICT infrastructure and cybersecurity domain and shall have successfully completed at least three (03) enterprise-scale security, firewall, network, or cybersecurity projects of similar nature and complexity during the last five (05) years. Documentary evidence, including customer references, shall be submitted.
14. The Bidder shall be an authorized partner, reseller, or service provider of the proposed Firewall OEM at the time of bid submission.
15. The Bidder shall submit a valid, project-specific Manufacturer Authorization Letter (MAL) from the OEM authorizing the Bidder to supply, implement, support, and maintain the proposed solution. Failure to submit the MAL shall render the bid non-responsive.
16. The Bidder shall maintain a local support presence in Sri Lanka capable of providing implementation, maintenance, and technical support services for the proposed solution. Details of support facilities and service organization shall be submitted.
17. The Bidder shall have at least two (02) permanent technical engineers certified on the proposed firewall platform at professional or advanced level. Copies of valid certifications shall be submitted.

18. The Bidder shall demonstrate the availability of escalation support from the OEM and access to OEM Technical Assistance Center (TAC) services for the proposed solution.
19. The Bidder shall confirm the availability of software updates, firmware upgrades, security signature updates, and technical support services throughout the warranty and subscription period.
20. The Bidder shall not have any conflict of interest that could interfere with the performance of the contract or compromise the interests of the Ministry.
21. The Bidder, its parent company, subsidiaries, and affiliated companies shall not have been blacklisted, suspended, debarred, or otherwise prohibited from participating in public procurement by any Government institution in Sri Lanka during the preceding ten (10) years. A signed declaration shall be submitted.
22. The Bidder shall confirm that all proposed hardware, software, subscriptions, licenses, and support services are genuine OEM products supplied through authorized channels and covered by the OEM warranty and support program.
23. The Bidder shall confirm that the proposed solution is currently supported by the OEM and is not announced as End-of-Sale (EOS), End-of-Support (EoS) or End-of-Life (EOL) as of the bid submission date.
24. The Bidder shall confirm that all licenses, subscriptions, software components, support services, implementation services, documentation, and training required for the complete operation of the proposed solution have been included in the bid.

2. Multiple Contracts (ITB 35.5)

Multiple contracts are not allowed.

3. Post Qualification Requirements (ITB 37)

After determining the lowest evaluated bid in accordance with ITB 36.1, the purchaser shall carry out the post qualification of the bidder in accordance with ITB clause 37.

3.1 Financial Capability

The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that its Net Current Assets, as shown in its latest Audited Financial Statements (2025/26),and/or through revolving credit facilities exclusively given for this procurement are at least 25% of the selected lowest bid price of each lots.

Current Assets = xxx

(-) Current Liabilities = (xxx)

Net Current Assets = xxx

SECTION IV

Bidding Forms

TABLE OF FORMS

- Bid Submission Form
- Price Schedule
- Bid Security (Guarantee)
- Manufacture’s Authorization
- Declaration made by bidders that there was non-collusion affidavit
- Certified copies of Successfully Completed Three Years Contracts

Bid submission form

[The Bidder shall fill in this Form in accordance with the instructions indicated No ITB.

Alterations to its format shall be permitted and no substitutions shall be accepted.]

Date: .....

(Insert date (as day, month and year) of Bid Submission)

Contract No: HA/F/PRO/04/Computer Network

To- Ministry Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government – Home Affairs Division

We, the undersigned, declare that:

- We have examined and have no reservations to the Bidding Documents, including

Addenda No.: ..... [Insert the number and issuing date of each Addendum];

(b) We offer to supply in conformity with the Bidding Documents and in accordance with the Delivery Schedules specified in the Schedule of Requirements the following Goods and Related Services.

i) Firewall Device price of our Bid before VAT, including any discounts offered is:

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.....

(……..) *[Insert the total bid price in words and figures];*

Firewall Device price of our Bid after VAT, including any discounts offered is:

……..

.....

(……..) *[Insert the total bid price in words and figures];*

(e) Our bid shall be valid for the period of time specified in ITB Sub-Clause 10.1, from the date fixed for the bid submission deadline in accordance with ITB Sub-Clause 14.1, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period;

(f) If our bid is accepted, we commit to obtain a performance security in accordance with ITB Clause 34 and GCC for the due performance of the Contract;

(g) We have no conflict of interest in accordance with ITB;

(h) Our firm, its affiliates or subsidiaries—including any subcontractors or suppliers for any part of the contract—has not been declared blacklisted by the Department of Public Finance;

(k) We understand that this bid, together with your written acceptance thereof included in your notification of award, shall constitute a binding contract between us, until a formal contract is prepared and executed.

(l)We understand that you are not bound to accept the lowest evaluated bid or any other bid that you may receive.

Signed:…..... [insert signature of person whose name and capacity are shown]

In the capacity of [insert legal capacity of person signing the Bid Submission Form]

Name:.....

[Insert complete name of person signing the Bid Submission Form]

Duly authorized to sign the bid for and on behalf of: [insert complete name of Bidder]

Dated on _____ day of _____, _____ [insert date of signing]

PRICE SCHEDULE

Table 1 - Supply & Installation

Prices should be in Sri Lankan Rupees

1.	2.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
Line Item No.	Description of Goods or related services	Unit	Qty	Unit price Excluding VAT	Total Price Excluding VAT (Col 5*6)	VAT	Total Price Including VAT (Col. 7+8)
1	Supply of Next Generation Firewall Hardware	No	01				
2	Installation & Commissioning						
3	** License Cost (1st Year)						
4	Service and Maintenance Charges (1st Year)						
5	Other Implementation Charges (Please specify)						
	Total Price				(A)		

****Licenses should be provided for a period of three (03) years, with payments to be made on yearly basis.**
All standard security features should be added with the proposed license.

Name of Bidder:

Total Amount in Words-……....

Signature of authorized person on company seal

……

Table 2 - Price Schedule for Licenses.

1.	2.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
Line Item No.	Description of Goods or related services	Unit	Qty	Unit price Excluding VAT	Total Price Excluding VAT (Col 5*6)	VAT	Total Price Including VAT (Col. 7+8)
1	Other licenses Cost (Please specify) 2nd year	Not Relevant					
2	Service and Maintenance Charges (2nd Year)						
3	Other licenses Cost (Please specify) 3rd year	Not Relevant					
4	Service and Maintenance Charges (3rd Year)						
	Total Price				(B)		

Name of Bidder:

Total Amount in Words-……....

Signature of authorized person on company seal

……

Total Bid Cost Table

Table	Price Component	Total (excluding VAT)	Total VAT	Total Price Including VAT
1	Table 01 – Supply & Installation	(A)		
2	Table 02 – Price Schedule for Licenses	(B)		
	Total Bid Cost to be carried to 4.1. Bid Submission Form	(C)=(A)+(B)		

The lowest bid price among substantially responsive bidders will be determined by taking the lowest price given for 'C'. That is lowest bid price will be the sum of (A) Total Cost for Supply of Next Generation Firewall + (B) 2nd and 3rd year licenses Cost [C=A+B].

Name of Bidder:

Total Amount in Words-……....

Signature of authorized person on company seal

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Bid Security (Guarantee)

[This Bank Guarantee form shall be filled in accordance with the instructions indicated in brackets]

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[Insert issuing agency's name and address of issuing branch or office]

***Beneficiary**: Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Colombo 05.

Date: ..... [Insert (by issuing agency) date]

BID GUARANTEE No.: .....
……
……
……..[Insert (by issuing agency) number] (Lot wise)

We have been informed that..... [Insert (by issuing agency) name of the Bidder; if a joint venture, list complete legal names of partners] (Hereinafter called "the Bidder") has submitted to you its bid dated..... [Insert (by issuing agency) date](Hereinafter called "the Bid") for the supply of [insert name of Supplier] under Invitation for Bids No: **HA/F/PRO/04/Computer Network**

Furthermore, we understand that, according to your conditions, Bids must be supported by a Bid Guarantee.

At the request of the Bidder we..... [Insert name of issuing agency] hereby irrevocably undertake to pay you any sum or sums not exceeding in total an amount of..... [Insert amount in figures]..... .....[insert amount in words]) upon receipt by us of your first demand in writing accompanied by a written statement stating that the Bidder is in breach of its obligation(s) under the bid conditions, because the Bidder:

(a) has withdrawn its Bid during the period of bid validity specified; or

(b) does not accept the correction of errors in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders (hereinafter "the ITB"); or

I having been notified of the acceptance of its Bid by the Purchaser during the period of bid validity, (i) fails or refuses to execute the Contract Form, if required, or (ii) fails or refuses to furnish the Performance Security, in accordance with the ITB.

This Guarantee shall expire: (a) if the Bidder is the successful bidder, upon our receipt of copies of the Contract signed by the Bidder and of the Performance Security issued to you by the Bidder; or (b) if the Bidder is not the successful bidder, upon the earlier of (i) our receipt of a copy of your notification to the Bidder that the Bidder was unsuccessful, otherwise it will remain in force up to..... (Insert date)

Consequently, any demand for payment under this Guarantee must be received by us at the office on or before that date. _____[Signature of authorized representative(s)]

Manufacturer's Authorization

[The Bidder shall require the Manufacturer to certify in accordance with the instructions indicated. This letter of authorization should be on the letterhead of the Manufacturer and should be signed by a person with the proper authority to sign documents that are binding on the Manufacturer. The Bidder shall include it in its bid, If so indicated in the BDS.]

Date:*[insert date(as day, month and year)of Bid Submission]*

No:*[insert number of bidding process]*

To: *[*Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Colombo 05.*]*

WHEREAS

We *[insert complete name of Manufacturer],* who are official manufacturers of *[insert type of goods manufactured],* having factories at [insert full address of Manufacturer's factories], do here by authorize *[insert complete name of Bidder]* to submit a bid the purpose of which is to provide the following Goods, manufactured by us *[insert name and or brief description of the Goods,* and to subsequently negotiate and sign the Contract.

We hereby extend our full guarantee and warranty, with respect to the Goods offered by the above firm.

Signed:*[insert signature(s) of authorized representative(s) of the Manufacturer]*

Name:*[insert complete name(s) of authorized representative(s) of the Manufacturer]*

Title:*[insert title]*

Duly authorized to sign this Authorization on behalf of: *[insert complete name of Bidder]*

Dated on_____day of_____,_____*[insert date of signing]*

NON-COLLUSION DECLARATION

(Relevant Reference to the Procurement Guidelines - 1.5)

I, the undersigned bidder/ bidder's representative/ bidder's agent, honestly, truthfully and solemnly declare that;

(a) I, nor any other member, agent or representative of the firm/ company/ corporation/ partnership/ sole proprietorship that I represent, have entered into any combination, collusion or similar agreement with any person in connection with the prices to be submitted by any person with respect to the invitation for bid;

(b) I, nor any person who represents me have acted to prevent any person from submitting a bid or to induce any person to refrain from submitting a bid in connection with the intention for bid (Bid No. …….);

(c) This bid is not submitted in collusion with any other bid and is not made pursuant to any agreement, understanding or association with any other person in relation to such bid.

I declare that, I have not received and will not accept any discount, fee, reward, commission or anything of value, directly or indirectly, from any person, company or corporation in connection with the submission of this bid.

I further declare that, I have not given and will not give any discount, fee, reward, commission or anything of value, directly or indirectly, to any person, company or corporation in connection with the submission of this bid.

I, taking full responsibility for ensuring the absence of collusion, hereby pledge to abide by fair and ethical competitive practices throughout the entire procurement process and to fully comply with the relevant Procurement Guidelines issued by the National Procurement Commission.

I hereby declare that all the statements made by me above are true and correct.

……

Signature of the Declarant

Successfully Completed Three Years Contracts

Description	2023	2024	2025
Name of the Client/s			
Name of the Item supplied			
Quantity Supplied			
Contract price/s			
Duration according to the agreement			
Date of Commencement			
Actual date of completion			

Company Seal:……

Signature of the authorized person:……..

Section V. Schedule of Requirement

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1. List of Goods and Delivery Schedule

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5. Check the list for Bidder

List of Goods and Delivery Schedule

No	Description of goods	Quantity	Transportation and any other services	Delivery Date	Remarks
1	Hardware Firewall	01	Provide by the bidder	From of the awarding 06 weeks	

Signature of Bidder: …….
[Signature of person signing the Bid]

Date:
[Insert date]

2. Technical Specification & Compliance

Scope of the Work

The general scope of work includes the **supply, installation, configuration, commissioning, testing, training, warranty, maintenance and support** of the proposed Next Generation Firewall (NGFW) solution with High Availability and all associated software licenses, subscriptions, accessories, components and services for the Home Affaires Section of the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Council and Local Government.

The successful bidder shall be responsible for the complete design, implementation, configuration, integration, testing, commissioning, documentation and maintenance of the proposed solution as a fully operational security platform, in accordance with the operational, security and networking requirements of the **Home Affairs Section and other institutions located at the Nilamedura Building, including their respective network infrastructure and connectivity requirements**, for a period of three (03) years.

The scope shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Supply and Installation

The bidder shall supply, install, rack-mount, configure, commission, and integrate the proposed NGFW solution, including all hardware appliances, software licenses, subscriptions, security services, management components, accessories, transceivers, cables and any other components required for a complete and fully operational solution.

2. High Availability (HA):

The proposed firewall solution shall comprise two (02) identical firewall appliances configured in a High Availability (HA) configuration, operating as a single logical firewall system. The HA configuration shall provide automatic failover between the two appliances in the event of hardware, software, or service failure of the active unit, with minimal interruption to network services.

3. Network Design and Configuration

The successful bidder shall assess the existing network environment and configure the proposed firewall solution to meet the operational, security, segregation, routing, connectivity, and availability requirements of the Home Affaires Section of the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Council and Local Government.

The bidder shall be responsible for configuring and establishing the entire network connectivity associated with the proposed NGFW solution, utilizing the institution's existing ICT infrastructure, including routers, switches, wireless infrastructure, servers, Internet connections, LGN connections, other network components and endpoint security solutions.

The scope shall include:

- Configuration of all new and standard firewall security policies.
- Design and implementation of network segmentation and security zones.

- Configuration of VLANs, routing policies, and access control policies.
- Inter-VLAN routing and traffic control where required.
- Configuration and optimization of LAN, WAN, Internet, and LGN connectivity.
- Configuration of Network Address Translation (NAT).
- Configuration of High Availability (HA) and failover mechanisms.
- Configuration of VPN services for site-to-site and remote access connectivity.
- Configuration of application control, IPS, anti-malware, web filtering, SSL inspection, threat prevention, and other security services.
- Configuration of logging, monitoring, alerting, reporting, and auditing capabilities.
- Configuration of security policies based on Ministry operational requirements.

4. Network Segregation and Security Architecture

The bidder shall design and implement logical segregation of networks, systems, services, users, and resources according to the operational and security requirements of the Home Affaires Section of the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Council and Local Government.

The implementation shall include:

- Segregation of internal user networks.
- Server network segmentation.
- Administrative network segmentation.
- Guest and visitor network segregation.
- Department-level security segmentation where required.
- Security zoning and east-west traffic control.
- Access control policies between network segments.
- Internet and LGN traffic separation mechanisms.

4. Testing and User Acceptance

The successful bidder shall conduct comprehensive testing and validation of the entire solution.

Testing shall include, but not be limited to:

- Functional testing.
- Performance testing.
- Failover testing.
- VPN connectivity testing.
- Security policy validation.

- Logging and reporting validation.
- Disaster recovery testing.
- Integration testing.

The bidder shall support User Acceptance Testing (UAT) and rectify any defects identified during testing at no additional cost.

5. Documentation

The successful bidder shall provide complete project documentation, including:

- Firewall configuration and Security policy documentation.
- High level Network diagrams with VLAN and segmentation.
- VLAN and segmentation documentation.
- Other required documents.

All documentation shall be provided in both editable and PDF formats.

6. User Training

The successful bidder shall provide comprehensive hands-on training and knowledge transfer sessions for the Ministry's technical staff covering: Firewall administration, Security policy management, VPN administration, Monitoring and reporting, Troubleshooting procedures, Backup and recovery procedures and Firmware and software upgrade procedures.

7. Warranty

The successful bidder is also responsible for obtaining back-to-back warranty including replacement of faulty hardware from the manufacturer for three (3) years warranty and maintenance period. The documentation confirms that the successful bidder has obtained back-to-back warranty from respective equipment manufacturers should provide to the Home Affairs Section before the final payment.

8. Technical Support Services

The supplier should provide post-sales support, including: L2 support for firmware upgrades, configuration guidance, and diagnostics. L3 support via OEM for hardware/software escalations.

Specifications for Next Generation Firewall

No.	Item / Feature	Minimum Specification (General)	Bidder Response/ (provide detail here)	
I	Brand	Specify OEM		
II	Model	Specify Model		
III	Country of Origin	Specify		
IV	Country of Manufacture	Specify		
V	Year of Manufacture	Specify		
No.	**Item / Feature**	**Minimum Specification**	**Compliance (Yes/No)**	**Remarks**
1	**Vendor Qualification & Industry Recognition**			
1.1	OEM Industry Recognition	Proposed OEM shall be positioned as a Leader in the latest available Gartner Magic Quadrant for Hybrid Mesh Firewall (formerly Network Firewalls) or The Forrester Wave for Enterprise Firewalls.		
1.2	Industry Certifications	Appliance / OS shall hold Common Criteria EAL4+ / NDcPP, or ICSA Labs Firewall certification, or FIPS 140-2 / 140-3 validated cryptographic modules.		
1.3	Manufacturer Authorization	Manufacturer Authorization Letter (MAL) specific to this tender shall be provided.		
1.4	OEM Experience	OEM shall have a minimum of 10 years of proven experience in enterprise cybersecurity and network security solutions.		
2	**Hardware & Platform Architecture**			
2.1	Solution Architecture	Two (02) identical enterprise-grade Next Generation Firewall appliances (same model, hardware and		

		software version) configured as a High Availability (HA) cluster. All hardware, licences and subscriptions shall be supplied for both units.		
2.2	Form Factor	1RU or 2RU rack-mountable enterprise appliance, with rack-mount kit.		
2.3	Power Supply	Redundant (dual) AC power supplies in each appliance; hot-swappable preferred.		
2.4	Memory	Minimum 16 GB RAM. Bidder shall state the installed RAM of the offered model.		
2.5	Storage	Minimum 240 GB internal SSD for OS, local logs, reporting and buffering.		
2.6	Processing Architecture	Multi-core architecture with a single-pass / parallel-processing inspection engine, so that enabling multiple security services (IPS, AV, application control) does not require separate sequential scans.		
3	**Interfaces & Connectivity**			
3.1	Copper Interfaces	Minimum 8 × 1GbE (or faster) RJ45 ports.		
3.2	Fiber Interfaces	Minimum 2 × 1GbE SFP and 4 × 10GbE SFP+ ports.		
3.3	Transceivers & Cables	The supplier shall provide all necessary OEM-supported transceivers and cables for each appliance, including a minimum of 2 × 10G SFP+ and 2 × 1G SFP ports with single-mode (LR)		

		transceivers. All required accessories shall be included to ensure full functionality of the proposed solution with HA.		
3.4	Management Interface	Dedicated out-of-band 1GbE management port.		
3.5	Console Interface	Dedicated serial / USB console interface.		
3.6	USB Ports	Minimum 1 × USB port.		
4	**Performance & Sizing**			
4.1	Basis of Performance Figures	All figures below are per single appliance and shall be as published in the OEM public datasheet for the offered model, measured with enterprise traffic mix or equivalent real-world conditions. Datasheet shall be attached. Where the OEM does not publish a metric, a signed OEM confirmation shall be provided.		
4.2	Firewall Throughput	Minimum 10 Gbps stateful firewall throughput.		
4.3	NGFW Throughput	Minimum 8 Gbps (Firewall + IPS + Application Control enabled).		
4.4	Threat Prevention Throughput	Minimum 2.5 Gbps with Firewall + IPS + Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware + Application Control enabled and logging on.		
4.5	IPS Throughput	Minimum 5 Gbps.		
4.6	SSL Inspection Throughput	Minimum 2 Gbps.		
4.7	IPSec VPN Throughput	Minimum 4 Gbps.		
4.8	Concurrent Sessions	Minimum 1 Million concurrent sessions.		

4.9	New Sessions	Minimum 100,000 new sessions per second.		
4.10	IPSec Scale	Minimum 500 IPSec site-to-site tunnels.		
5	**High Availability & Network Services**			
5.1	High Availability	The proposed solution shall include deployment in a High Availability (HA) pair comprising two nodes, supporting both Active-Passive and Active-Active configurations, with configuration and session synchronization and automatic stateful failover between the nodes.		
5.2	VLAN & Link Aggregation	IEEE 802.1Q VLAN sub-interfaces, inter-VLAN routing with security policy between VLANs / zones, and IEEE 802.3ad (LACP) link aggregation.		
5.3	Deployment Modes	Layer 3 (routed) and Layer 2 transparent / bridge modes; virtual wire / tap mode or equivalent.		
5.4	Virtualization	Support for virtual firewall instances (VDOM / VSYS / virtual systems) or equivalent logical segmentation.		
5.5	Routing	Static routing, policy-based routing, OSPF and BGP.		
5.6	VPN Routing	Dynamic routing across IPSec VPN tunnels.		
5.7	DHCP	DHCP server and relay.		
5.8	IPv6	Dual-stack IPv4 and IPv6.		
5.9	NAT	Static NAT, dynamic NAT, policy-based NAT, PAT and NAT-T.		
5.10	Geo Policies	Geo-location based policy		

		enforcement.		
6	**Next Generation Firewall Features**			
6.1	Stateful Inspection	Stateful inspection based on application and communication state analysis.		
6.2	Application Identification	Identify and control a minimum of 3,500 applications.		
6.3	Application Signatures	Support custom application signatures.		
6.4	Schedule Policies	Rule schedules with activation and expiry date / time.		
6.5	QoS	Application- and user-based QoS and bandwidth management.		
6.6	SD-WAN	Built-in SD-WAN / multi-ISP link load balancing and failover, without additional licence.		
6.7	Service Objects	Predefined services / protocols and custom services.		
7	**SSL Inspection & Encrypted Traffic Visibility**			
7.1	SSL/TLS Inspection	Inbound and outbound SSL/TLS decryption and inspection including TLS 1.3.		
7.2	QUIC / HTTP/3	Inspection of HTTP/3 and QUIC, or policy control to block QUIC so that traffic falls back to inspected TLS.		
7.3	Decryption Policies	Granular decryption bypass policies (by category, user, source, destination).		
7.4	Encrypted	Visibility and threat / anomaly detection for		

	Traffic Analysis	encrypted traffic, ML-assisted or equivalent.		
8	**Intrusion Prevention System (IPS)**			
8.1	IPS Engine	Integrated IPS supporting exploit prevention, vulnerability protection, protocol validation and anomaly detection.		
8.2	Bi-directional Inspection	Full bidirectional packet inspection.		
8.3	IPS Updates	Automatic and scheduled IPS signature updates.		
8.4	IPS Policies	Detect and Prevent mode selection per signature / group.		
8.5	IPS Tuning	Signature tuning by severity, threat category and performance impact or equivalent.		
8.6	IPS Exceptions	Configurable IPS exclusions and exceptions.		
8.7	Custom Signatures	Support custom IPS signatures.		
8.8	Event Correlation	Centralized IPS event correlation and reporting.		
9	**Advanced Malware Protection & Sandboxing**			
9.1	Anti-Malware	Multi-protocol malware inspection across HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, SMTP, POP3, IMAP and SMB.		
9.2	Anti-Bot / C2 Protection	Detection and blocking of botnet and Command-and-Control (C2) communications.		
9.3	Threat Intelligence	Cloud-based threat intelligence and reputation		

		services.		
9.4	Sandboxing	Cloud-based dynamic sandboxing included in the subscription.		
9.5	Zero-Day Protection	Protection against previously unknown threats through sandboxing and ML-based analysis.		
9.6	Threat Extraction	Content Disarm & Reconstruction (CDR) / Threat Extraction — desirable, not mandatory.		
9.7	Ransomware Protection	Protection against ransomware delivery and communication at network level: blocking of known and unknown ransomware payloads (anti-malware + sandbox), exploit attempts (IPS) and C2 / key-exchange traffic.		
9.8	Archive Support	Malware analysis of archive and compressed files.		
9.9	Phishing Protection	Detection and blocking of phishing sites and malicious links / attachments in inspected web and mail traffic.		
10	**Web, DNS & Content Security**			
10.1	URL Filtering	Category-based URL filtering with a minimum of 70 URL categories.		
10.2	URL Exceptions	Blacklist, whitelist and custom category override.		
10.3	Identity-Based Policies	Web and application policies based on user / group identity.		
10.4	DNS Security	DNS sinkholing, DGA		

		detection and DNS tunnelling detection.		
10.5	User Awareness	User notification and warning pages for policy enforcement.		
11	**Identity, VPN & ZTNA**			
11.1	Identity Sources	Active Directory, LDAP, RADIUS, TACACS+, SAML and Microsoft Entra ID integration; local user database.		
11.2	MFA Integration	Support multi-factor authentication for VPN and administrator access.		
11.3	Identity Awareness	Agentless and / or agent-based user identity collection; captive portal.		
11.4	VPN Support	Site-to-site IPSec VPN (route-based and policy-based) and client remote-access VPN (IPSec and / or SSL/TLS).		
11.5	VPN Topologies	Full mesh, star and hub-and-spoke VPN architectures.		
11.6	ZTNA	ZTNA / VPN-less application access capability supported on the platform.		
11.7	Remote Access Licences	Remote-access VPN licences for a minimum of [50] concurrent users included, expandable.		
12	**Management, Automation & Logging**			
12.1	Management	Full management of the HA cluster through web GUI and / or OEM management platform. Any management server, software or licence needed to operate the		

		solution shall be included. The platform shall be capable of managing multiple gateways.		
12.2	Role-Based Access Control	Granular RBAC for administrators.		
12.3	Policy Organization	Policy organization by zones / sections / layers with delegated administration.		
12.4	Rule Analysis	Unused / shadowed rule detection, hit counters and clean-up recommendations.		
12.5	REST API	REST API support.		
12.6	Logging & Reporting Platform	OEM centralized logging and reporting platform (cloud-based or dedicated appliance) shall be included with licences for 3 years, with minimum [180 days] online log retention for 1,000 users. If a virtual appliance is offered, the bidder shall also supply the host server.		
12.7	Search	Full-text log and policy search.		
12.8	Packet Capture	Manual and policy / event-triggered packet capture.		
12.9	Event Actions	Email, SNMP, Syslog and API-based alerts / actions.		
12.10	Reporting	Executive, security, user, threat, VPN and bandwidth reports; scheduled delivery by email.		
12.11	SIEM Integration	Integration with SIEM / SOAR / NAC platforms through Syslog and API.		

13	**Warranty, Licensing & Support**			
13.1	Subscription Services and Warranty	3-year comprehensive OEM hardware warranty and 3-year subscriptions for both appliances from the date of commissioning, including Application Control, IPS, Anti-Virus / Anti-Malware, Anti-Bot, URL Filtering, DNS Security and Cloud Sandbox.		
13.2	OEM Support	24x7x365 OEM technical support including software / firmware updates and upgrades.		
13.3	Hardware Replacement	Advance hardware replacement, Next Business Day (NBD).		
13.4	Lifecycle Assurance	No published End-of-Sale (EoS) or End-of-Life (EoL) announcement for the offered model as of the bid closing date, and OEM support shall be available for at least 5 years from that date.		
13.5	Deployment Services	Installation, configuration (HA, VLANs, security policies, ISP links, VPN), testing and commissioning by OEM-certified engineers of the bidder.		
13.6	Training	OEM-certified administration training for a minimum of two administrators.		
13.7	Documentation	At handover the bidder shall provide, in soft and hard copy: as-built network diagram; HA, VLAN and IP addressing details; security policy / rule documentation;		

		configuration backup files; administrator credentials; licence and subscription certificates; warranty and support contact details; signed test and acceptance report; and OEM installation and administration guides.		
13.8	Delivery	Delivery, installation and commissioning within 6 weeks from the Purchase Order.		

Check List for Bidders and Apply right Mark.

1. Bidder should furnish certified copy of Business Registration/ Company Registration. Latest Form 15 and Related forms if any changes for Form 15 in the case of Company Registration.
2. Duly signed Bid Submission form.
3. VAT Registration Certificate
4. Letter of Manufacturers Authorization
5. Audited Annual Financial Statements for the financial year 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26
6. Successfully Completed Three Years Contracts (Please include Client list or any other proof document)
7. Bidders must submit a Non-Collusion Declaration as per the Procurement Guideline 1.5.
8. Following supporting document shall be submitted in order to verify authentication of the bid submission.
    i. In the case of a limited liability Company or a Corporation: A Power of Attorney (either notarized or attested to by an appropriate authority), or a special Board resolution certified by a Company Secretary or copy of the Article of Association.
    ii. Where bid is submitted by a single Proprietor: Signature of the Proprietor or Power of Attorney given by the proprietor .
    iii. Where bid is submitted by a Partnership: All partners or any other person under the valid Power of Attorney.
    iv. Bids submitted by a joint Venture: Power of Attorney (either notarized or attested by an appropriate authority in the Proposers home Country; It shall include an undertaking Signed by all parties(i) Stating that all parties shall be jointly and severally liable and (ii) Nominating a representative who shall have the authority to conduct all business for and on behalf of all the parties of the JV during the bidding process and in the event the JV is awarded the Contract, during Contract, execution.
9. Brochures for the quoted in the respective item.
10. Bid Security as per the format given in section IV.
11. Compliance to the Technical Specification.
12. Duly filled and signed price schedule.
13. Delivery Requirement as per the Delivery Schedule.
14. Services provided after receiving the goods

Section VII. Contract Data/Special Condition of Contract

The following Contract Data shall supplement and / or amend the Conditions of Contract (CC). Whenever there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall prevail over those in the CC.

CC 1.1(i)	The Purchaser is: Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Colombo 05.
CC 1.1 (m)	Destinations: As per the Delivery Schedule in Section V
CC 8.1	For **notices**, the Purchaser's address shall be: Attention**: Accountant (Procurement),** Address: **Finance section (16th Floor),** **Home Affairs Division,** **Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government.** **Nila Madura Building,** **Elvitigala Mawatha,** **Colombo – 05** Telephone: **011-2050412/011-2050416** Email: **procurement.ha@gmail.com**
CC 12.1	**Detail of shipping and other documents to be furnished by the supplier are; not applicable** **(a) Orders to be issued in writing - All orders connected with the contract will be issued in writing by the Secretary or his representatives.** **(b) Quality and Quantity of item and time of delivery – Items supplied should be according to the specification and required quantities ordered for, and should be delivered to the required station on time.**
CC 15.1	15.1—The method and conditions of payment to be made to the Supplier under this Contract shall be as follows: A: For Goods offered within Sri Lanka 20% of Advance Payment shall be made upon submission of advance bond and balance will be paid in Sri Lanka Rupees within thirty (30) days of presentation of claim supported by a certificate from the Purchaser declaring that the Goods have been delivered and that all other contracted Services have been performed.
CC 17.1	A Performance Security shall be 10% of the bid value and it shall be valid up to 12 months from the date of delivery.
CC 25.1	The inspections and tests shall be conducted by the supplier to ensure compliance of the goods supplied to the laid down specifications.
CC 25.2	Inspections and the tests shall be conducted at: **Supplier's stores and Final Destination.**
CC 26.1	The liquidated damages or delay damages shall be: 1% per week and the maximum amount of liquidated damages shall be: 10%