

## REPLY TO THE CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

**BIDDING DOCUMENT (TWO-STAGE BIDDING ) issued on: October 16, 2020 for Supply and installation of digital signature and identification systems for smartphones, IFB No: PSMP3-GO-2-2-13**

**Project: Third Public Sector Modernization Project (Loan Number: 8539-AM)**

**PURCHASER: OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF RA**

Dear Potential Participant(s)/Bidder(s),

The Potential Bidder(s) for the above-mentioned tender have requested clarification regarding the issue specified below. Below is the question with appropriate answer:

Questions	Answers
Could you kindly confirm the minimum documents expected from bidders in first phase? Any mandatory attachments for bidding?	Please be informed that the First Stage Bid submitted by the Bidder shall comprise of the documents specified in ITB Clause 13.
In case the solution differs from requirements, do we have to provide both Attachment 4 and 8?	<p><b>In accordance with the Bidding documents</b></p> <p>1. “The first stage bid will consist of a technical bid only, without any reference to prices, but including a list of any deviations to the technical and commercial conditions set forth in the bidding documents and/or adding any alternative technical solutions a Bidder wishes to offer, and justification therefor, always provided that such deviations or alternative solutions do not change the essential requirements specified in the bidding documents.”</p> <p>2. Attachment 4: Conformity of the Information System to the Bidding Documents: - This attachment should be provided in any case.</p> <p>3. Attachment 8: Alternative Bids: - This attachment can be provided in a case Bidders wishing to offer alternative technical proposals pursuant to ITB Clause 13.2.</p>

<p>We may have logistics issues to be in Yerevan for physical submission of Bidding Documents. Could you kindly let us know if electronic format submission is allowed for First Stage bidding? If mandatory to provide hard copy of those documents, we could send the hard copies via international courier companies if allowed, however the arrival time would be out of our control and could cause delay versus submission date.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bidders shall not have the option of submitting their bids electronically.</li> <li>2. It is mandatory requirement to submit the hard copies of Bid (one original (originally signed version) and 3 copies and one copy on CD-ROM). (please see ITB Clause 16.1)</li> </ol>
<p>Could we request to have extension on timelines for bidding? The Technical Requirement compliance could be achieved in First Stage Bid, however “Contractual Terms and Conditions” requires further study that leads to longer study of different departments, we kindly ask for prolongation for the terms and conditions side of the first stage bid.</p>	<p>Please be inform that the Bid submission deadline was extended before December 15, 2020, at 15:00 (local time).</p>

In addition we would like to pay your attention that the Purchaser will respond in writing to any request clarification or modification of the Bidding Documents that it receives no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the deadline for submission of bids.

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