

LIST OF ISSUES AND CONCERNS RAISED BY PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Appeals/Requests	Response
<p>1. Section VII. Technical Specifications: I would like to respectfully request if the committee can increase the minimum Processor CPU Pass Mark to 15,400 or higher.</p> <p>AMD is committed to provide the best possible client solutions through our OEM partners to the students.</p> <p>As seen below only at this level at 15,400 that the Department of Education is guaranteed that the CPU would be at the level of either R5 or i5 and not be susceptible to the possibility of having a bidder to position a R3, i3 or Ultra 3. Since during the past years of the DCP it has been always at the R5 or i5 tier.</p> <p>We do hope that the committee can reconsider our request to slightly modify said minimum level of the Laptop Class Processor CPU Pass Mark Score of 15400 or higher. Since as of today, there are multiple i3 and Ultra 3 CPUs beyond the 15000 level as seen above screenshot.</p> <p>Please see a couple of reasons on why we hope that you and the committee will consider your request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove all possibility that prospective bidders will position lower than R5/i5. - Ensure mid-tier category in terms of CPU Processor range that has been for the past years. <p>We really hope that you and the committee can approve our minor request to increase the minimum Processor CPU Pass Mark to 15,400.</p> <p>Another option is to eliminate all i3, Ultra 3 and R3 from the list of CPU options that the bidders can position to ensure only R5 and i5 above would be allowed.</p>	<p>Recommended new laptop CPU Mark score based on the current market standards.</p> <p>• Laptop Class Processor CPU Mark score of (14,800) or higher</p> <p>*Based on CPU benchmarking at https://www.cpubenchmark.net/laptop.html (August 15, 2024, update) - refer to Annex F.</p>
<p>2. Section VII. Technical Specifications: Similar to last year’s request, we hope that the committee will implement the “as of date” to ensure that all the bidders’s CPU list score would be the same as this CPU Pass Mark Levels are susceptible to change at any given time.</p>	<p>Recommended new laptop CPU Mark score based on the current market standards.</p> <p>• Laptop Class Processor CPU Mark score of (14,800) or higher</p> <p>*Based on CPU benchmarking at https://www.cpubenchmark.net/laptop.html (August 15, 2024, update) - refer to Annex F.</p>
<p>3. Section III. Bid Data Sheet: To avoid misinterpretation and promote transparency, we kindly request a complete list of the necessary licenses and permits to be included in the Bid Data Sheet and Section VII Technical Specifications of the Bidding Documents. We believe any licenses/permits not stated on the BDS may be requested as part of Post Qualification process, but should not serve as grounds for disqualifying a supplier, as they do not fall under the Eligibility and Technical Requirements.</p>	<p>All required licenses and permits will be stated in the BDS</p>
<p>4. Section VII. Technical Specifications: We hereby affirm our agreement to the decision made during the pre-bid conference to align the CPU requirement with the DCP 2024 standards, targeting a minimum benchmark score of 14,500. (DCP 2024 technical specifications below for reference)</p> <p>We kindly request the inclusion of a specific CPU benchmarking score “As of Date”, in alignment with the DCP 2024 standards, to accurately reflect the current performance criteria. (DCP 2024 technical specifications below for reference)</p>	<p>Recommended new laptop CPU Mark score based on the current market standards.</p> <p>• Laptop Class Processor CPU Mark score of (14,800) or higher</p> <p>*Based on CPU benchmarking at https://www.cpubenchmark.net/laptop.html (August 15, 2024, update) - refer to Annex F.</p>

<p>5. Section VII. Technical Specifications: The third bullet requires proof of international presence in the form of physical stores or satellite offices. Could you kindly clarify how many physical stores or satellite offices are required to meet this criterion? Unlike the second bullet, which specifies the number of countries, years, and proofs required, the third bullet does not indicate a specific quantity.</p> <p>We also find the placement of the second bullet (regarding proof of sales) between the first and third bullets a bit confusing, as the third bullet seems to provide more detailed information that relates to the first bullet. Could you clarify if these three bullets are meant to be connected, and if so, how they should be interpreted together?</p>	<p>Recommended provision under the Certification part that will cover the queries from the suppliers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An international (marketed globally) brand product that has been sold and marketed continuously in the Philippine market and in at least five (5) other countries for at least ten (10) years prior to the scheduled date of bid opening with proof of selling through any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Purchase Order *Contract *Official Receipt *Sales Invoice. <p><i>*Bidders must submit at least ONE (1) proof of sale for every year from 2014 to 2023 with contact details to establish that the brand has been continuously sold in the Philippine market and five (5) other countries (at least ten (10) proofs of sale per country)</i></p>
<p>6. Section III. Bid Data Sheet: We would like to propose that the committee consider revising this requirement to mandate the submission of samples during the Bid Opening, with the evaluation conducted during the Bid Evaluation phase.</p> <p>This approach is commonly practiced by many procuring entities, as it helps streamline the process, save time, and ensure adherence to project timelines.</p>	<p>For Lots 1,2, and 3, submission of samples will be during the bid opening and evaluation conducted during Post-qualification. A maximum of 2 samples will be required.</p> <p>For Lot 4, the submission and evaluation of samples will be during post-qualification (<i>maximum number of allowable days for the submission of the sample</i>). A maximum of 2 samples will be required.</p>
<p>7. Section VII. Technical Specifications: Lastly, it is also our observation that the processor requirement for this procurement has been in the market for a good number of years and is nearing obsolescence and End-of-Life.</p> <p>It is not worth the taxpayers' money to procure such outdated processors, which had been an issue raised during Senate Hearings a while back. It is therefore suggested to upgrade the processor's minimum requirement.</p>	<p>Recommended new laptop CPU Mark score based on the current market standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop Class Processor CPU Mark score of (14,800) or higher <p><i>*Based on CPU benchmarking at https://www.cpubenchmark.net/laptop.html (August 15, 2024, update) - refer to Annex F.</i></p>
<p>8. Section VII. Technical Specifications: We would like to clarify if One store international is enough to show existence based on your requirements.</p>	<p>Recommended provision under the Certification part that will cover teh queries from the suppliers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An international (marketed globally) brand product that has been sold and marketed continuously in the Philippine market and in at least five (5) other countries for at least ten (10) years prior to the scheduled date of bid opening with proof of selling through any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Purchase Order *Contract *Official Receipt *Sales Invoice. <p><i>*Bidders must submit at least ONE (1) proof of sale for every year from 2014 to 2023 with contact details to establish that the brand has been continuously sold in the Philippine market and five (5) other countries (at least ten (10) proofs of sale per country)</i></p>

<p>9. Section VII. Technical Specifications: We would like to clarify if mouse and headset should be the same brand of the laptop? Or we can offer different brand. Also we would like to clarify if Compliance Standards Certifications will also be applied to Laptop only Accessories the likes of Mouse and Headset?</p>	<p>The bidder may offer mouse and headset with different brands.</p>
<p>10. Section VII. Technical Specifications: For the "physical stores", do we need to present proof per country?</p>	<p>Recommended provision under the Certification part that will cover the queries from the suppliers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An international (marketed globally) brand product that has been sold and marketed continuously in the Philippine market and in at least five (5) other countries for at least ten (10) years prior to the scheduled date of bid opening with proof of selling through any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Purchase Order *Contract *Official Receipt *Sales Invoice. <p><i>*Bidders must submit at least ONE (1) proof of sale for every year from 2014 to 2023 with contact details to establish that the brand has been continuously sold in the Philippine market and five (5) other countries (at least ten (10) proofs of sale per country)</i></p>
<p>11. Section VII. Technical Specifications: May we know the required warranty for the laptop Battery?</p>	<p>Warranty of the battery is the same with the laptop.</p>
<p>12. Section VII. Technical Specifications: How many countries of satellite Offices is required for the manufacturer.</p>	<p>Recommended provision under the Certification part that will cover teh queries from the suppliers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An international (marketed globally) brand product that has been sold and marketed continuously in the Philippine market and in at least five (5) other countries for at least ten (10) years prior to the scheduled date of bid opening with proof of selling through any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Purchase Order *Contract *Official Receipt *Sales Invoice. <p><i>*Bidders must submit at least ONE (1) proof of sale for every year from 2014 to 2023 with contact details to establish that the brand has been continuously sold in the Philippine market and five (5) other countries (at least ten (10) proofs of sale per country)</i></p>
<p>13. Section VII. Technical Specifications: Requesting to change the CPU mark from 13500 to 15400 so as to exclude Ryzen 3 or Intel Core I3.</p>	<p>*Based on CPU benchmarking at https://www.cpubenchmark.net/laptop.html (August 15, 2024, update) - refer to Annex F.</p>

<p>14. Section III. Bid Data Sheet: Please specify the for ICT equipment as Supply, Delivery and Maintenance for ICT equipment</p>	<p>Retained.</p>
<p>15. Section VII. Technical Specifications: On the CPU benchmarking link -what month is the basis, is it August or September?</p>	<p>*Based on CPU benchmarking at https://www.cpubenchmark.net/laptop.html (August 15, 2024, update) - refer to Annex F.</p>
<p>16. Section VII. Technical Specifications: What are the acceptable international documents?</p>	<p>Recommended provision under the Certification part that will cover teh queries from the suppliers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An international (marketed globally) brand product that has been sold and marketed continuously in the Philippine market and in at least five (5) other countries for at least ten (10) years prior to the scheduled date of bid opening with proof of selling through any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Purchase Order *Contract *Official Receipt *Sales Invoice. <p><i>*Bidders must submit at least ONE (1) proof of sale for every year from 2014 to 2023 with contact details to establish that the brand has been continuously sold in the Philippine market and five (5) other countries (at least ten (10) proofs of sale per country)</i></p>
<p>17. Section VII. Technical Specifications: Do we need to present business permit for each year (for the last 10 years)?</p>	<p>Recommended provision under the Certification part that will cover the queries from the suppliers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •An international (marketed globally) brand product that has been sold and marketed continuously in the Philippine market and in at least five (5) other countries for at least ten (10) years prior to the scheduled date of bid opening with proof of selling through any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Purchase Order *Contract *Official Receipt *Sales Invoice. <p><i>*Bidders must submit at least ONE (1) proof of sale for every year from 2014 to 2023 with contact details to establish that the brand has been continuously sold in the Philippine market and five (5) other countries (at least ten (10) proofs of sale per country)</i></p>
<p>18. Section VII. Technical Specifications: Can the requirement be relaxed to USB 2.0?</p>	<p>DepEd will only accept the specs below.</p> <p>Ports <input type="checkbox"/></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •at least 1 x USB – Type C •at least 2 x USB 3.0 or 3.1 •at least 1 x Combo Audio jack •at least 1 x HDMI or Micro HDMI <p>(USB conversion/ extension/ adapter are not allowed)</p>