



Bid Bulletin No. 4
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PUBLIC BIDDING NO. 21-074-7

**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS
 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Issued pursuant to Sec. 22.5 of the IRR of R.A. 9184 to clarify and/or amend certain provisions in the Bidding Documents issued for this project, considering the issues raised and clarifications made by prospective bidders during the **Pre-bid Conference** held on **17 May 2021** likewise, respond to bidder's written queries received within the prescriptive period for filing.

B. CLARIFICATION/S

ITEM No.	REFERENCE	CONCERN / REQUEST	CLARIFICATION / RESOLUTION
Accel Prime Technologies, Inc.¹			
1	Section II. Instruction to Bidders Page 12 2.2 The source of funding is the Bayanihan 2.	It was mentioned by the Chairperson during the Pre-Bid Conference that the project must be completed on or before June 30, 2021 as the funding source for the project will expire on said date. Per our estimates, the instant bidding may be awarded to the winning supplier by 2 nd week of June 2021 – barely 2 weeks before the stated expiry of the funding source. As the project requires customized production and nationwide delivery, may we therefore request a categorical commitment from PSDBM and DepEd that the funds will still be available after June 30, 2021.	There is a pending clarification submitted to DBM. In addition, an extension for the Bayanihan 2 funds has already passed the first reading in the Congress. Rest assured, should it be approved, all participating bidders shall be notified.
2	Section II. Bid Data Sheet Page 20 7. Certification that the item must be either	ISO certifications are only issued to the Manufacturers and not the specific item they manufacture. With this, may we request to	The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.

¹ Email received on 21 May 2021

	<p>ISO 9001:2008 or ISO 9001:2015 certified</p> <p>8. Certification that the item must be ISO 14001:2004.</p>	<p>change/revise these requirements into:</p> <p>7. Manufacturer must be either an ISO 9001:2008 or ISO 9001:2015 certified.</p> <p>8. Manufacturer must be an ISO 14001:2004 certified.</p>	<p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>
3	<p>Section III. Bid Data Sheet Page 21</p> <p>16. The bidder must have a toll free hotline number and email address for technical assistance with Level 1 and Level 2 Technical Support with 8x5 SLA; 4-hour response time within Metro Manila and next business day for provisional areas.</p>	<p>May we be clarified if the toll free hotline number and email address for the technical assistance being required is from the Manufacturer and not from the bidder?</p>	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>
4	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 45 1 x headset port</p>	<p>May we humbly request to relax this requirement by revising it to: 1 x Combo Audio Jack</p>	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>
5	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 46</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Connectivity flip-down RJ-45 LAN port; and ➤ Security-Wedge-shaped chassis security lock slot 	<p>RJ-45 LAN port and Laptop security lock slot is the manufacturer standard term for these ports.</p>	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>
6	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 47 End Point Protection</p>	<p>May we humbly request to clarify this requirement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With pre-installed End Point Protection that is included in the Magic Leaders Quadrant for the year 2019. 	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>

<p>7</p>	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 52</p> <p>Service Support Requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The bidder's manufacturer must provide a central toll-free Hotline Number and email address. 	<p>May we humbly request that the following be accepted in lieu of the central toll-free hotline number and email address of the bidder's manufacturer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o List of Manufacturer Authorized Service Centers Nationwide with contact details. 	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 53</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The hardware manufacturer should have at least two (2) depots within the country. 	<p>May we humbly request to relax this requirement by revising it to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hardware manufacturer should have at least one (1) depot within the country 	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 54</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidders Qualification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The following documents/certification must be submitted during Post Qualification: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The bidder should have ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems, if for joint venture agreement, at least one of the JV should be ISO 9001:2015 certified. 	<p>For the record, there are only limited number of ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems IT suppliers. The non-certification, however, does not mean that they are not equally capable to undertake the project.</p> <p>The SLCC and track record requirements are more than sufficient benchmark to ensure PSDBM and DepEd that the bidder is capable to carry out this project.</p>	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 55 to 56</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The bidder should have a project management 	<p>While we do understand and agree that there should be a dedicated Project Management Team on the side of the bidder to facilitate and monitor the contract implementation, may we</p>	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted</p>

	<p>team that is composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At least one (1) Senior Project Manager, with a minimum of two (2) years continuous project management engagement in a National Government Agency for the past 5 years. ▪ The Enterprise Solutions Architect of Technical Consultant must have been previously employed or hired by another government agency designated as Technical or Technology Consultant 	<p>request that the previous experience qualification of the personnel to be assigned to the Team be waived and deleted.</p>	<p>on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>
11	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 56 Preferred Packaging and Mandatory Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ External sides of delivery packages/boxes are preferred to be colored Cyan Blue: C, M, Y, K (71,53,0,12) 	<p>May we be clarified if the customized color of the package/box which is Cyan Blue: C, M, Y, K (71,53,0,12) is optional (as it is stated in the Terms of Reference that it is only "preferred) and that Manufacturer standard color for it is acceptable.</p>	<p>Yes, it is acceptable. It is clear in the specifications that these are preferences and not required.</p>
12	<p>Section VII. Technical Specifications Page 57</p> <p>Other Preferences (If Possible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Laptop Casing and Mouse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Casing and Mouse may be customized ▪ Color Cyan Blue: C, M, Y, K (71,53,0,12) ➤ Casing with DepEd Logo: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Embossed/Etche 	<p>May we be clarified if the customized color of the laptop casing and mouse is optional (as it is stated in the Terms of Reference that it is only "preferred) and that Manufacturer standard color for said items is acceptable?</p> <p>Also, may we be clarified if the Casing with DepEd Logo is optional and that Manufacturer standard casing of the laptop and mouse without the DepEd Logo is acceptable?</p>	<p>Yes, it is acceptable. It is clear in the specifications that these are preferences and not required.</p>

	<p>d at the backside of the screen display (Cover)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On the front screen display edge or keyboard area ▪ Mouse <p>Brand or Manufacturer's logo should only appear at the laptop base (backside of the laptop)</p>		
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13	<p>Additional Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Connectivity flip-down RJ-45 LAN port; and ➤ Security-Wedge-shaped chassis security lock slot 	<p>Request that an equivalent security lock chassis slot and RJ 45 connectivity that is standard to the brand being proposed should be acceptable.</p>	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>
14	<p>Application Software</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pre-installed Optimization Software for performance improvement, battery utilization and augmentation of audio quality. 	<p>Request to allow equivalent application software for your requirement, every brand termed their specifications differently but have the same functions and features.</p>	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>
15	<p>End Point Protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) must provide an additional layer of security, other than password (i.e. Google Authenticator and Manufacturer Authenticator 	<p>Request to allow Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) be either Google Authenticator or Manufacturer Authenticator</p>	<p>The End User Agency hereby re-affirms that the original requirement is retained.</p> <p>Please refer to Bid Bulletin No. 2 posted on PS and PhilGEPS websites.</p>

² Email received on 26 May 2021

Advance Solution Inc.³			
16	Technical Specification	We would like to seek clarification as to who will be deciding on the clarifications specifically on the technical specifications. It is DepEd or PS-DBM?	PS-DBM defers to the expertise of the DepEd in terms of the technical requirements of the project and shall adhere to the technical opinion of the DepEd on the matter.

All provisions of the bidding document that are affected by newly issued bidding document template/s are deemed modified/amended/revise

By Rules, all other related provisions in the Bidding Documents correspondingly affected by these amendments are likewise deemed amended to conform to this Bid Bulletin.

Amendments made herein shall be considered an integral part of the Bidding Document

SIGNATURE REDACTED

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Chairperson, Special Bids and Awards Committee I

For the purpose of this Bulletin and for better understanding of its contents, the following rules shall apply: (a) ~~Double Strike-out~~ – denotes deletion; (b) Underline – denotes inclusion or new item/requirement; and "xxx" – denotes separation of phrase/s being amended from the rest of the main text.

³ Email received on 27 May 2021