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QUOTATION CALLING LETTER

Subject : Calling of Quotation for Supply, Installation, Configuration and Commissioning of Next Generation Firewall (NGFW) for Security of IT Infrastructure of State Common Entrance Test Cell.

Sir/Madam,

The State Common Entrance Test Cell conducts various entrance examinations and Centralized Admission Processes (CAP) for different professional courses in the State of Maharashtra. In connection with the conduct of examinations and admission process.

In order to strengthen the security of the IT infrastructure, network, servers and online systems of the State Common Entrance Test Cell, it is proposed to procure and install a Next Generation Firewall (NGFW) for 30 Users.

Accordingly, quotations are hereby invited from OEM / Authorized Channel Partner / Authorized System Integrator for supply, installation, configuration and commissioning of the Firewall Solution as per the following minimum technical specifications.

Sr. No.	Minimum Technical Specifications
1	Must have minimum 5 × 1GE RJ45 ports from Day 1.
2	Proposed Firewall should have minimum 4 Gbps Firewall Throughput.
3	Threat Prevention (Firewall + Application Control + IPS + Malware Protection) Throughput should be at least 1 Gbps for real-world/enterprise mix traffic from Day 1. Throughput should be available on a single

	appliance. External device or clustering of multiple devices shall not be allowed.
4	Proposed solution must have IPS, Advanced Malware Protection, Application Control, URL Filtering, DNS Filtering and Antispam from Day 1.
5	Firewall must support Post-Quantum Cryptography algorithms such as ML-KEM, BIKE, HQC and Frodo. It should support advanced hybrid PQC algorithms for secure traffic inspection.
6	Proposed appliance should support latency of not more than 3.5 µs. Bidder shall submit publicly available documentary evidence/download link for the same.
7	Proposed appliance should support IPSec Throughput of minimum 4 Gbps from Day 1. Throughput should be available on a single appliance. External device or clustering of multiple devices shall not be allowed.
8	Proposed appliance should support SSL Inspection Throughput of minimum 1 Gbps from Day 1.
9	Proposed appliance should support Concurrent Sessions of 700K or above and New Sessions/Second of 85K or above from Day 1.
10	Should have at least 5 Virtual Firewall Domains/Instances/Contexts from Day 1, with separate administrative control, security zones and VLAN for each domain/instance.
11	Proposed Firewall should support minimum 100 IPSec tunnels.
12	Solution shall support Two-Factor Authentication for Administrator Users and shall provide minimum 2 Nos. 2FA Tokens from Day 1.
13	Should be able to identify attacks based on Geo-location and define policies to block traffic based on Geo-location.
14	Proposed OEM Firewall solution should have capability to integrate with Firewall Analyzer tools such as Tufin, Algosec etc., whenever required in future, without any additional cost implications.
15	Proposed Firewall should have SD-WAN functionality from Day 1 and should allow selection of the preferred link based upon link characteristics such as latency, jitter and packet loss for critical applications. All licenses required for SD-WAN functionality shall be included from Day 1.
16	Solution should support traffic flow/packet forwarding on WAN links based on SLA.

17	Solution should allow automatic/dynamic creation of encrypted tunnels between branch devices, without manual configuration, to enable branch-to-branch communication.
18	Solution should support Dual/Multiple WAN Links of different types such as MPLS, ILL and Broadband in Active-Active mode, with simultaneous utilization of bandwidth of minimum 3 links from Day 1.
19	Solution should support traffic steering based on the WAN link type such as MPLS, Internet or any other WAN link available at the branch location.
20	Solution should support FEC (Forward Error Correction). The error correction packet size should automatically and progressively increase with increase in packet loss and should be selectively applicable to particular traffic.
21	Proposed Product/Product Family/Operating System should be IPv6 Logo/USGv6 Certified. Bidder shall provide a publicly available website link/document for the same.
22	Proposed Product/Product Family/Operating System should be EAL 4 or higher or NDPP Certified.
23	Proposed Product/Product Family/Operating System should be FIPS 140-2 or higher Certified.
24	Proposed Firewall OEM should be ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 27001 Certified. Bidder shall provide publicly available website link/document along with the technical bid.
25	Bidder shall provide Manufacturing Authorization Letter (MAF) from the proposed Firewall OEM.
26	Proposed Firewall OEM should be present in the Leader Magic Quadrant of Hybrid Mesh Firewall in the latest Gartner Report for the year 2025. Bidder shall provide publicly available website link/document along with the technical bid.
27	Proposed solution should have the capability to store logs for at least 180 days.

Details to be mentioned in the Quotation:

The quotation shall clearly mention the following:

1. Make and Model of the proposed Firewall.
2. Product Brochure / Technical Datasheet.
3. Cost of Firewall Appliance.
4. Cost and validity of all required Security / Subscription Licenses.

5. Installation, Configuration and commissioning charges.
6. Warranty / Support period and terms.
7. Annual AMC/ATS charges, wherever applicable.
8. GST and other applicable taxes, separately.
9. Delivery Period.
10. Payment Terms.
11. OEM Authorization / Manufacturing Authorization Letter.
12. Technical Compliance Statement against each specification mentioned above.
13. Details of applicable certifications along with publicly available supporting documents/links.

Terms & Conditions:

1. The quotation shall be submitted by the **OEM / Authorized Channel Partner / Authorized System Integrator** with authorized signature and seal.
2. The quotation shall include all applicable hardware, licenses, subscriptions, installation, configuration and commissioning requirements.
3. The bidder shall submit a **Technical Compliance Statement** clearly indicating compliance against each of the above technical specifications.
4. OEM Authorization / Manufacturing Authorization Letter shall be submitted along with the quotation.
5. All applicable taxes, duties and charges shall be clearly indicated separately in the quotation.
6. The quoted rates shall remain valid for a minimum period of **90 days** from the last date of submission.
7. Incomplete quotations or quotations not complying with the prescribed technical specifications may be rejected.
8. Submission of quotation shall not confer any right on the bidder for award of the work/supply order.
9. Further procurement action shall be subject to approval of the Competent Authority and availability of funds.
10. The State Common Entrance Test Cell reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason thereof.
11. Installation, configuration and commissioning shall be carried out at the location specified by the State Common Entrance Test Cell by qualified personnel authorized by the OEM/Service Provider.
12. After installation, testing and commissioning, the vendor shall demonstrate the functionality of all required security features.
13. The vendor shall provide necessary handover documents and basic operational/administrative training to the designated officials.

14. The Firewall shall have the capability to retain and provide access to logs for a minimum period of 180 days.
15. The Office may seek additional clarification/documents from the bidder, if required, during the evaluation process.

Warranty and Support

1. The proposed Firewall Solution shall be provided with **comprehensive warranty and technical support for a minimum period of 5 (Five) years** from the date of successful installation and commissioning.
2. The warranty shall cover hardware defects, manufacturing defects and necessary replacement/repair of faulty components, as applicable.
3. All required security updates, firmware updates and technical support covered under the proposed solution shall be provided during the warranty/support period.
4. The bidder/OEM shall provide necessary technical assistance for configuration, troubleshooting and resolution of issues during the warranty/support period.
5. The bidder shall clearly mention the **SLA, response time and resolution time** applicable during the warranty/support period.
6. No additional charges shall be payable for services covered under the 5-year comprehensive warranty and support, within the scope.

Payment Terms

1. Payment shall be made as per the terms and conditions prescribed by the State Common Entrance Test Cell and after satisfactory supply, installation, configuration, commissioning and acceptance of the Firewall Solution.
2. The successful bidder shall furnish a **Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG) equivalent to 5% of the total order value** in favour of the State Common Entrance Test Cell, in the prescribed format, within the stipulated period from the date of issue of the Supply/Work Order.
3. The Performance Bank Guarantee shall remain valid for the prescribed period covering the warranty/support obligations, as specified in the Supply/Work Order.
4. Payment shall be released only after satisfactory completion of installation, configuration, commissioning and acceptance testing by the competent authority.
5. No advance payment shall be made unless specifically approved by the Competent Authority.
6. All payments shall be subject to applicable statutory deductions, taxes and other recoveries as per prevailing Government rules.

Last Date for Submission and Opening of Quotation

The quotation should reach the office on or before 19/10/2026 at 3:00 PM.

The quotation received within the stipulated time shall be opened on 21/10/2026 at 11:00 AM at the office of the State Common Entrance Test Cell, Mumbai.

The quotation shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly superscribed as:

"QUOTATION FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, CONFIGURATION AND COMMISSIONING OF NEXT GENERATION FIREWALL (NGFW) FOR STATE COMMON ENTRANCE TEST CELL"

Quotations received after the prescribed last date and time shall not be considered.

You are requested to submit your quotation strictly as per the above technical specifications, terms and conditions within the stipulated time.

SD/-
Administrative Officer,
State Common Entrance Test Cell,
Maharashtra State, Mumbai.