

IFB No. 2025-38
Computing Devices and Accessories IDIQ
Response for Inquiries No. 1

This document addresses inquiries regarding IFB 2025-38. It provides clarifications and additional information for informational purposes. In the event that any responses result in modifications to the bid documents, they should be considered as amendments to the original IFB 2025-38.

QUESTION/INQUIRY AS SUBMITTED:		GWA RESPONSE:
Questions from August 1, 2025		
1.	Relative to the IFB Checklist requirement for bidders to register at the GWA Supplier Portal, please clarify if the bidder must register for this specific IFB, or if an existing GWA supplier account on the GWA Supplier Portal satisfies this requirement.	Vendors already registered in Oracle Procurement Cloud (OPC) system can use their existing supplier account. This requirement applies only to vendors who are not currently registered in the OPC system.
2.	Relative to Technical Specifications Bid Item 1.0 - Desktop Workstations, IFB specifies "Intel Core i7 processor (latest generation preferred)." The latest processor series available on the market from Intel is the Intel Core Ultra 7 Series 2 line of processors. Is GWA requiring the minimum specification for the processor to be Intel Core Ultra 7 Series 2?	The requirement is to meet or exceed the latest (i7) 14th Generation. The Core Ultra 7 series does exceed our requirement and is acceptable.
3.	Relative to Technical Specifications Bid Items 1.0 - Desktop Workstations, IFB states "All equipment must be TAA-compliant (Trade Agreements Act)." Computer OEM manufacturers typically do not certify peripherals as TAA-compliant. As keyboard and laser mice are peripherals and not the main computing unit, will GWA accept an "OEM USB Wired Smartcard Keyboard" and "OEM USB Wired Laser Mouse" without TAA-compliance for Bid Item 1.0?	GWA will accept OEM USB Wired Smartcard Keyboard" and "OEM USB Wired Laser Mouse" without TAA-compliance.
4	Relative to Technical Specifications Bid Items 2.0 - Laptop Workstations, IFB states "All equipment must be TAA-compliant (Trade Agreements Act)." Computer OEM manufacturers typically do not certify peripherals as TAA-compliant. As docking stations are peripherals and not the main computing unit, will GWA accept "Compatible docking station" without TAA-compliance for Bid Item 2.0?	GWA will accept OEM Docking Stations without TAA-compliance.
5.	Relative to Technical Specifications Bid Item 2.0 - Laptop Workstations, IFB states "Base frequency up to 4.8GHz." The base frequencies of Intel processors typically range from around 1.2 - 2.0 GHz, with "maximum" frequencies usually ranging in the 4.8 - 5.0+ GHz, which is the range that the IFB references. Please confirm or clarify if the processor requirement is for a "maximum" frequency up to 4.8GHz.	The specification in the IFB referencing "Base frequency up to 4.8GHz" should be interpreted as "maximum processor frequency up to 4.8GHz." https://www.intel.com/content/www/us/en/products/sku/236847/intel-core-ultra-7-processor-155h-24m-cache-up-to-4-80-ghz/specifications.html

6.	Relative to Technical Specifications Bid Item 2.0 - Laptop Workstations, IFB specifies "14.0- inch Full HD (1920 x 1820) display." The provided resolution of 1920 x 1820 is not a typical standard resolution for laptops. "Full HD" refers to a display resolution of 1920 x 1080. Please clarify if the display resolution specification for Item 2.0 should be "1920 x1080."	The specification for Bid Item 2.0 – Laptop Workstations should reflect a 14.0-inch Full HD (1920 x 1080) display.
7.	Relative to Technical Specifications Bid Item 5.0 - Android Tablets specification for "Processor speed up to 2.2GHz or better," will GWA accept a tablet with processor speeds up to 2.0GHz?	No, the requirement is 2.2 GHz or better
8.	Relative to Technical Specifications Bid Item 8.0 - Wired Headsets, IFB specification for "Unidirectional Microphone, Type 2," please define "Type 2."	GWA will be removing the words 'Type 2' from this requirement. All other specifications must still be met for this line item.
9.	IFB Section E. Descriptive Literature/ (Brochures), in the IFB General Terms and Conditions states "Rejection of the bid will be required if the descriptive literature (s) do not show that the product (s) offered to confirm (s) the specifications and other requirements of this solicitation. Failure to furnish the descriptive literature(s) by the time specified in the solicitation will require rejection of the bid." However, Section U. Modification/ Alteration in the IFB General Terms And Conditions states "After the opening of bids, GWA or its designee(s) may conduct discussions with bidders that have submitted valid bids for the purpose of clarification to provide GWA with a full understanding as to the responsiveness and capabilities of the proposed bidder in meeting the requirements of the bid." a. Please clarify if Section U. of the IFB allows for bidder alteration or modification of its bid through the inclusion of additional documents or information submitted by bidder upon request by GWA after bid opening.	No, Section U does not permit bidders to alter or supplement their bids after the opening in a way that would materially modify their original offer or remedy deficiencies such as missing required descriptive literature. Any additional documents provided during clarification must only serve to explain or clarify existing submissions, not to introduce new or revised terms, specifications, or product information that would affect bid compliance. 5 GCA § 5211(f): “(f) Correction or Withdrawal of Bids; Cancellation of Awards. Correction or withdrawal of inadvertently erroneous bids before or after award, or cancellation of awards or contracts based on such bid mistakes, shall be permitted in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Policy Office. After bid opening, no changes in bid prices or other provisions of bids prejudicial to the interest of the Territory or fair competition shall be permitted. Except as otherwise provided by regulation, all decisions to permit the correction or withdrawal of bids, or to cancel awards or contracts based on bid mistakes, shall be supported by a written determination made by the Chief Procurement Officer, the Director of Public Works or head of a purchasing agency.”
10.	Relative to Section U. Modification/ Alteration in the IFB General Terms and Conditions, IFB indicates "In conducting discussions there shall be complete confidentiality of any information derived from bids submitted by competing bidders." Please clarify if documentation of any discussions with bidders covered under IFB Section U. will be included in the public procurement record.	Yes, a record of all communications will be maintained in the procurement file in accordance with 5 GCA § 5249.

11.	Relative to Section 7. Warranty, under Section V. Special Provisions, on page 35 of the IFB, IFB indicates "The successful bidder shall warrant that all goods and services to be provided hereunder are fit for the intended purposes stated in this Bid, are manufactured in the United States, and meet the standards set forth in this Bid." As TAA Compliance does not necessarily require products to be manufactured in the United States, please confirm, is GWA requiring the systems referenced in Items 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, and 6.0, to be TAA-compliant, and not necessarily manufactured in the United States?	<p>For this bid accessories such as keyboards, mice, etc., do NOT need to be TAA-compliant, but should be OEM or U.S. Name Branded. (Logitech, Microsoft, Cosaire, etc.) Only the actual computing systems needs to be TAA-compliant. "TAA, products acquired by the U.S. government must be either: Wholly the growth, product, or manufacture of the U.S. or a designated country, or Substantially transformed in the U.S. or a designated country into a new and different article of commerce with a distinct name, character, or use.</p> <p>The term "substantially transformed" refers to a fundamental change in form, appearance, nature, or character, which adds significant value compared to the product's original state."</p>
12.	Should GWA's responses require further clarification for IFB specification clarity, will GWA accept follow-up questions to GWA responses?	Prospective bidders may submit questions after the official question deadline; however, GWA reserves the right to determine whether responding is in the best interest of the agency. Responses to late inquiries are not guaranteed.
13.	If GWA responses to bidder questions are distributed after GWA's Aug. 8, 2025, Deadline for Responses, we respectfully request for a corresponding extension in the bid submission deadline to allow for adequate bid preparation time upon GWA's distribution of responses to bidder questions.	<p>GWA will issue a response before the deadline outlined in the IFB.</p> <p>Should prospective bidders require additional time, a written request must be submitted, including a proposed revised submission deadline for GWA's consideration.</p>

Bidders are also notified to visit the GWA website: www.guamwaterworks.org to ensure that any addenda to the bid, answers to questions, and reminders are communicated to all bidders during the solicitation process.

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