

**NATIONAL AGENCY FOR FISCAL ADMINISTRATION  
REVENUE ADMINISTRATION MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

**Procurement of Hardware, Software and Training for Primary, Secondary and Data  
Warehouse Centers (RAMP/1-SR)**

**CLARIFICATIONS No. 2 of November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Dear Sirs,

With regard to the above-referenced procurement procedure, we have received comments and requests for clarifications from some prospective bidders. According to Clause 10.1 of Section 1. *Instructions to Bidders* of the bidding documents issued on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, please find below the requested clarifications:

**Q1:** *The provisions of article 3.2.2 'Achieve a synthetic CINT2006 SPECint\_rate performance benchmark of at least 750 (seven hundred fifty), as measured at factory clock rate for maximum supported CPU configuration of the compute module' seem to be in opposition with the requirements of Article 3.2.4 'Provide no more than 50% of the maximum number of support CPUs and with no more than 50% of the maximum supported RAM' With the first article (3.2.2) you set a target performance at maximum configuration, but, with the second you declare you are not interested in acquiring that configuration, and, together with article 3.2.5.2 'At least 16 (sixteen) active CPU cores (single- or multi thread) in at least 2 (two) installed multi-core CPU chips' you are leading us to a solution of blade servers with 4 CPU sockets, but only 2 installed. This means that the offered solution will attain the maximum requested performance only after a further up-grade and further money expense. To our knowledge is that some major manufactures on the market have within their portfolios blade servers with 2 CPU that can deliver from the beginning (without any further expenses) the CINT2006 SPEC-int rate CPU performance that you target in this acquisition. In order to all such a solution please accept the adjustment to the sense of article 3.2.4 by changing the expression 'no more than', used two times in a restrictive manner, with at "at least". This will lead, also, in our opinion, to an important budget saving of this acquisition.*

**A1:** Physical servers that are limited to 2 CPU-sockets do NOT meet NAFA's flexibility and scalability requirements. TR 3.2.4, TR 3.1.1, TR 3.1.3 and TR 3.3.3 allow the Purchaser to increase the processing capacity of the system in the future, by scaling-up (by adding CPUs and RAM to the blade servers), scaling-out (by adding blade servers inside the system chassis), or both. **Hence, no amendments will be made to TR 3.2.4** NAFA's requirement for scalability up to at least 750 (seven hundred fifty) on CINT2006 SPECint\_rate performance benchmark remains unchanged. Hence, **TR 3.2.2 also remains unamended.**



**Q2:** *Could you please confirm that all the specialists (prime and alternative candidates) proposed by the bidder (Joint Venture) should not be currently employed by the bidder (Joint Venture)?*

**A2:** Bidders MAY propose candidates who are not direct employees of the Bidder (or Joint Venture, Joint Venture Partner). However, the Contract WILL REQUIRE the Supplier to provide the specialist(s) who are bid. Accordingly, the Bidder must document that the Bidder (Joint Venture) has an existing contract with each and every specialist bid who is not employed directly by the Bidder (Joint Venture).