

Request for Proposal to
Next generation firewall for JCDC
Tender No. (03/eGovt/2023)

General Response for All Raised Questions

Taking into consideration the requirements outlined in the RFP and this Q&A document, bidders need to respond based on their experience in projects of similar size and scope

Q1	what is the type of interface for connecting NGFW with JCDC Gateway Device. Are these devices (NGFW & Gateway) installed in same cabinet. Are the provided NGFW installed at same data center, if yes what is the distance between cabinets
A1	You can arrange a site visit to JCDC to get this requirement please contact Mohammed Maher from JCDC 0777489285
Q2	Page11: "Bidder must be an authorized local partner of the offered firewall with a minimum Gold Level partnership or equivalent." Q2: Would it be possible for the bidder to partner jointly with other companies to have the minimum required partnership level?
A2	No, the bidder itself should have this level
Q3	Page 15: "The proposal shall be signed by the bidder or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the bidder to the contract. The latter authorization shall be indicated by duly-legalized power of attorney. All of the pages of the proposal, except un-amended printed literature, shall be initialed by the person or persons signing the proposal" Q3: should the bidder initialed all pages of Technical & Financial proposals
A3	No need to initial the proposal, just stamp it.
Q4	For the point related to the storage capacity as shown below, can we using a separate or external storage for logging ? is that acceptable ?
A4	Yes it is acceptable and any related hardware and licenses should be provided by the bidder
Q5	As per NGFW vendors best practices and recommendations for the following condition mention in the RFP, is to separate the logging and reporting functionality using external logging and reporting system to insure the best performance for the NGFW

	appliance, since the logging and reporting consume a firewall resources and effect on its performance. Can we separate a logging and reporting functionality and provide it through separate logging and reporting system ?
A5	Yes it is acceptable and any related hardware and licenses should be provided by the bidder