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**Invitation for Bid No: GTA-IFB-2023-001  
15-Year Term Infeasible Right to Use (IRU) Capital Lease of 100 Gbps of an  
Asia Pacific Cable System between a Guam Cable Landing Station and TY2  
Peering Location in Tokyo, Japan**

**Response to Questions**

**Question #5:** Can you please share specific reasons why a protected solution & not 2x100G unprotected is required. Is this a requirement from the end customer or from GTA?

**Response:** GTA will amend the bid cable system specification to acquire 100 Gbps protected or 100 Gbps unprotected. Grant scope of work can be met utilizing either a protected or unprotected circuit.

**Question #6:** Request to consider bid extension for October 25, 2023, due to shipment, design solution and pricing timelines

**Response:** GTA will consider all factors before extending the deadline and reserve the discretion to extend if needed. All registered bidders will be notified if the deadline is extended.

**Question #7:** Request to hold calls to discuss technical details.

**Response:** All communications and any questions concerning the provisions of this IFB shall be communicated in writing on or before Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

Questions shall be submitted in writing to the designated Single Point of Contact, Arlie Bonto.

Please refer to bid announcement dated September 22, 2023 and bid package, page 3, I. Instructions to Bidders. 5.

**Question #8:** RFS is 30 days after award. What are the timelines you are looking for cable implementation

**Response:** GTA is aiming to award by no later than end of October 2023.

**Question #9:** 100G Protected circuit –

- Does that mean you are looking for 2 cables (primary and back-up), fully protected EPL link between Guam – TY2
- Or the ask is only for Japan backhaul protection (from the CLS – TY2)

**Response:** Capacity must be on a single system. Please propose to the extent protection can be offered. If not, please provide proposal or response with unprotected capacity.

**Question #10:** Under cable system specifications, what is prime and alternate solution?

**Response:** Prime and alternate solution is subject to your offer and ability to provide protection.

**Question #11:** If a cable is at end of life within the next estimated three years, is there a possibility of switching to another cable at the first cable's end of life?

**Response:** Switching to another cable at the first cable's end of life is not permissible.

Please refer to bid package, page 6, V. Specifications. A. Cable System Specifications. e. Expiration Criteria:

Cable expiration must be more than 10 years

The grant requires GTA to execute and record a statement of interest, financing statement (UCC-1), lien, mortgage, or other public notice of record to indicate that real or personal property acquired or improved in whole or in part pursuant to a Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP) award is subject to the Federal Interest, and that certain use and disposition requirements apply to the property.

During the duration of the Federal Interest, the BIP recipient or subrecipient shall not:

- Sell, lease, **transfer**, assign, convey, hypothecate, mortgage or otherwise convey interest in the BIP Property without the prior written approval of NTIA.

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