



**RFP Reference No.: GEM/2025/B/6619915 dated August 28, 2025**

**Request for Proposal (RFP) for  
Supply, Installation and Support of Data Centre (DC) Switches with Buyback  
of Old IT Items at NHB**

**The replies to the pre-bid queries received are placed herewith.**

## Bidder-1

S. No.	Device	Point number	Clause	Changed clause	Justification	Bank Response to the Query
1	Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports	3.6	The switch should support 128K multicast routes	The switch should support 70K multicast routes	The required number of routes are on higher side considering the scale of network. Please reduce the number of routes as suggested for wider OEM participation without affecting the feature and functionality of the fabric.	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b>The switch should support 128K multicast routes</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> The switch should support 70K multicast routes.</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
2	Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRF/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.	This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.

3	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports</b>	8.4	Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	Proposed Switch platform should support <b>overlay VxLAN tunnels or</b> IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	The macsec requirements are more relevant from the campus requirement where the inter device connectivity has to leave a physically controlled environment. A DC environment is a physically secure area where macsec adds to the device processing without adding any advantage. Instead, overlay Vxlan tunnels are more relevant to DC environments. So, please either remove the macsec ask or change the clause as suggested for wider OEM participation.	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support overlay VxLAN tunnels or IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
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4	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports</b>	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRE/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.	This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.
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6	<b>Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports</b>	2.4	Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor	Switch should be 1/2 RU fixed form factor	An additional 1U is required to accommodate the 28 x 100G and 8 x 400G. Please allow 2RU devices for Arista to qualify	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 or 2 RU fixed form factor</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
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10	Table-III: Optional/future				Please confirm SFP's / Transceivers should be from switching OEM or 3rd party SFP's / Transceivers can be quoted or not	It is to confirm that SFP's / Transceivers should be from switching OEM only. Please refer RFP clause 6. c.

**Bidder-2**

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					number of routes as suggested for wider OEM participation without affecting the feature and functionality of the fabric.	routes. Please refer corrigendum.
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6	Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports	2.4	Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor	Switch should be 1/2 RU fixed form factor	<p>An additional 1U is required to accommodate the 28 x 100G and 8 x 400G. Please allow 2RU devices for Arista to qualify</p>	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 or 2 RU fixed form factor</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
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3	<p><b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports</b></p>	8.4	<p>Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p>	<p>Proposed Switch platform should support <b>overlay VxLAN tunnels or</b> IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p>	<p>The macsec requirements are more relevant from the campus requirement where the inter device connectivity has to leave a physically controlled environment. A DC environment is a physically secure area where macsec adds to the device processing without adding any advantage. Instead, overlay Vxlan tunnels are more relevant to DC environments. So, please either remove the macsec or change the clause as suggested for wider OEM participation.</p>	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support overlay VxLAN tunnels or IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
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**Bidder-5**

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GeM RFP IN ATC @ Page no. 29,Exemption not valid for Trader/Reseller

We request from the competent authorities to give Exemptions for Start-ups companies for experience also, A Indian govt. initiative that offers support, or funding to promote the growth of the start-up ecosystem and to facilitate the success of individual start-ups in India. As per the RFP asked, experience in Data Center Switches is very critical for start-ups companies during his initial phase however scope define in the RFP will be catered by start-ups by its own technical

Please be guided as per GeM, RFP terms and conditions

					profession als. Therfo re we request for exemption in experience s also for this RFP so that an start-up can also participate	
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**Table A: Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports**

			2	Switch should re-converge all dynamic routing protocols at the time of routing update changes i.e. graceful restart for fast re-convergence of routing protocols like OSPF, IS-IS, BGP.	Yes, except IS-IS	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions
			3	Switch should support minimum 200 VRF/VNI instances with route leaking functionality	64 VRF	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions
			4	The switch should support 200K IPv4 LPM routes	32K IPv4 Unicast Routes	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions
			5	The switch should have MAC Address table size of 128K	48-bit MAC address	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP

						terms and conditions	
			6	Switch should support minimum <b>64 ECMP</b> paths	Yes (48)	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions	
			7	Switch should support minimum <b>128K</b> of MAC addresses	32 K	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions	
			<b>Table C: Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports</b>				
			8	Switch should re-converge all dynamic routing protocols at the time of routing update changes i.e. graceful restart for fast re-convergence of routing protocols like OSPF, IS-IS, BGP.	Yes, except IS-IS	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions	
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			13	Switch should support minimum 12.4 Tbps of bandwidth	Yes , 6.4 Tbps	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions	

**Bidder-6**

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	<b>EMD</b>	8.1 2	All the Bids must be accompanied by a refundable interest free security deposit of ₹3,70,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only), by way of an e-payment (NEFT/RTGS) only in favour of National Housing Bank	Request NHB to consider EMD as Bank Gurantee	As EMD as RTGS will Block money and EMD as BG is acceptable in all the organisation.	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions
	<b>Elegibility Criteria</b>	3	The bidder must have executed at least two (2) similar projects involving supply, installation, and support of DC network switches to at least one Public Sector Bank / Financial Institution / PSU / Government Organization / Large Corporates (>100 Cr.) in India not older than 5 years. The Bidder should submit details like name of contact	The <b>bidder/ OEM</b> must have executed at least two (2) similar projects involving supply, installation, and support of DC network switches to at least one Public Sector Bank / Financial Institution / PSU / Government Organization / Large Corporates (>100 Cr.) in India not older than 5 years. The Bidder should submit details like name of contact person, along with his phone number for above projects. Copy of Work Orders / Completion Certificates		No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions

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6	<b>Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports</b>	2.4	Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor	Switch should be 1/2 RU fixed form factor	<p>An additional 1U is required to accommodate the 28 x 100G and 8 x 400G. Please allow 2RU devices for Arista to qualify</p>	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 or 2 RU fixed form factor</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
7	<b>Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports</b>	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRF/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	<p>This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.</p>	<p>This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.</p>

8			VXLAN and EVPN symmetric		Please confirm is the Perpetual or Subscription lic of VXLAN and EVPN are required	perpetual/subscription licensing are required for the contract period as per OEMs policy
9			Table A: Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports, Table B: Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports, Table C: Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports, Table D: Fabric Management Solution		Please confirm all these are required from same OEM or not and also please confirm all these devices need to be managed from Single dashboard or not	It is to confirm that all these switches, management solution are required from the same OEM and needs to be managed from single dashboard
10	Table-III: Optional/future				Please confirm SFP's / Transceivers should be from switching OEM or 3rd party SFP's / Transceivers can be quoted or not	It is to confirm that SFP's / Transceivers should be from switching OEM only. Please refer RFP clause 6.c.

**Bidder-7**

S. No.	Device	Point number	Clause	Changed clause	Justification	Bank Response to the Query
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1	Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports	3.6	The switch should support 128K multicast routes	The switch should support <b>70K</b> multicast routes	The required number of routes are on higher side considering the scale of network. Please reduce the number of routes as suggested for wider OEM participation without affecting the feature and functionality of the fabric.	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b>The switch should support 128K multicast routes</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> The switch should support 70K multicast routes.</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
2	Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRF/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.	This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.
3	Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports	8.4	Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	Proposed Switch platform should support <b>overlay VxLAN tunnels or</b> IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	The macsec requirement are more relevant from the campus requirement where the inter device connectivity has to leave a physically controlled environment. A DC environment	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Proposed Switch</p>

					ent is a physically secure area where macsec adds to the device processing without adding any advantage . Instead, overlay Vxlan tunnels are more relevant to DC environm ents. So, please either remove the macsec ask or change the clause as suggested for wider OEM participati on.	platform should support overlay VxLAN tunnels or IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed  Please refer corrigendum.
4	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports</b>	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRE/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	This requireme nt is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.	This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.

5	<p><b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports</b></p>	8.4	<p>Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p>	<p>Proposed Switch platform should support <b>overlay VxLAN tunnels or</b> IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p>	<p>The macsec requirements are more relevant from the campus requirement where the inter device connectivity has to leave a physically controlled environment. A DC environment is a physically secure area where macsec adds to the device processing without adding any advantage. Instead, overlay Vxlan tunnels are more relevant to DC environments. So, please either remove the macsec or change the clause as suggested for wider OEM participation.</p>	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support overlay VxLAN tunnels or IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
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6	<b>Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports</b>	2.4	Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor	Switch should be 1/2 RU fixed form factor	An additional 1U is required to accommodate the 28 x 100G and 8 x 400G. Please allow 2RU devices for Arista to qualify	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 or 2 RU fixed form factor</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
7	<b>Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports</b>	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRE/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support overlay VxLAN tunnels or IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>

8			VXLAN and EVPN symmetric		Please confirm is the Perpetual or Subscription lic of VXLAN and EVPN are required	Perpetual/subscription licensing are required for the contract period as per OEMs policy
9			Table A: Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports, Table B: Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports, Table C: Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports, Table D: Fabric Management Solution		Please confirm all these are required from same OEM or not and also please confirm all these devices need to be managed from Single dashboard or not	It is to confirm that all these switches, management solution are required from the same OEM and needs to be managed from single dashboard
10	Table-III: Optional/future				Please confirm SFP's / Transceivers should be from switching OEM or 3rd party SFP's / Transceivers can be quoted or not	It is to confirm that SFP's / Transceivers should be from switching OEM only. Please refer RFP clause 6.c.

**Bidder-8**

S. No.	Device Category	Point number	Relevant Clause of the RFP	Query / Changed clause	Justification	Bank Response to the Query
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1	5. Scope of Work	5. e	Fibre and copper cables for connecting the switches should be provided for each switch.	Kindly confirm whether fibre and copper cables are required to be provided for each switch in accordance with the total number of ports (i.e., fully populated). Please clarify if the expectation is to supply cables for all available ports on each switch	Fibre and copper cables are to be provided for active/used ports based on the proposed design/BoM (uplinks, inter-switch links etc.) interconnecting the switches in HA in the Data Center should be provided for each switch.
2	Table-III: Optional/future		Generic Query	Please confirm SFP's / Transceivers should be from switching OEM or 3rd party SFP's / Compatible Transceivers can also be quoted or not.	It is to confirm that SFP's / Transceivers should be from switching OEM only. Please refer RFP clause 6. c.
3	5. Scope of Work	5. i	bidder must provide onsite technical engineer support for any critical issue reported by the Bank within 04 Hrs.	Since the OEM TAC priority support will be there, <i>Please confirm</i> the criteria for Critical issues for onsite technical engineer,	onsite technical engineer to be arranged if any issues arising are not resolved by OEM TAC / support remotely for any critical issues like complete operational down/not accessible.

4	5. Scope of Work	5. K	<p>The Bidder must arrange one day Training of OEM to the Bank's Technical team. Bank may ask the training at any point of time, bidder has to align technical resources to do so at no extra cost to the bank.</p>	<p>Please confirm the total no of Training of OEM /Bidder required to the Bank's Technical team during the entire contract period.</p>	<p>The Bidder must arrange one day in-person training of OEM to the Bank's Technical team of approx. 5 members</p>
5	5.1 Comprehensive Warranty Support	5.1.3	<p>Bidder should have a 24x7x365 days support center to log the calls. The support center detail/ numbers should be provided along with the escalation matrix mentioning the contact details.</p>	<p><i>Kindly clarify whether</i> the bidder is required to maintain its own 24x7x365 support center for logging support/RMA calls, or if it is acceptable for the bidder to log such calls directly with the OEM support center on behalf of NHB. Also, <i>please confirm</i> whether support and RMA-related issues are expected to be resolved by the bidder's team, or if NHB's internal IT support team will be responsible for handling and fixing these issues</p>	<p>It is to clarify that the bidder is required to maintain its own 24x7x365 support center for logging support/RMA calls. It is also acceptable if the bidder logs such calls directly with the OEM support center on behalf of NHB. It is to confirm that the support and RMA-related issues are to be resolved by the bidder's team.</p>

6	8.13. Delivery and Implementation schedule	8.13.	Delivery and installation: Within 8 weeks from the date of work order	Since the Hardware devices hold dependency on OEM's side. So we request the NHB authorities to ammend the timelines as: <b>Delivery and installation:</b> Within <b>12 weeks</b> from the date of work order		No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions
7	<b>ToR)/Leaf Switch - Fiber/Copper - 24 Ports</b>	2.2	Switch should be scalable to support up to 48 ports on the same hardware with license and SFP addition if needed in future. Such requirement should be fulfilled without any additional HW needs	The specifications mention for Top-of-the-Rack (Leaf) switches – both copper and fiber – should have a minimum of 24 ports, while another clause requires scalability to support up to 48 ports on the same hardware. <i>To avoid ambiguity and ensure uniform understanding</i> among all prospective bidders, <i>we kindly request NHB to amend and clarify</i> the requirement by explicitly stating switches with 48 ports (along with the respective category and accessories) are to be provided as per the final configuration.		No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions
8	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports</b>	3.6	The switch should support 128K multicast routes	The switch should support <b>70K</b> multicast routes	The required number of routes are on higher side considering the sclae of network. Please reduce the number of routes as suggested for wider OEM participation without	<b>Existing Clause:</b> The switch should support 128K multicast routes  <b>Revised Clause:</b> The switch should support 70K multicast routes.  Please refer corrigendum.

					affecting the feature and functionality of the fabric.	
9	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports</b>	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRF/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.	This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.
10	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports</b>	8.4	Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	Proposed Switch platform should support <b>overlay VxLAN tunnels or</b> IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	The macsec requirements are more relevant from the campus requirement where the inter device connectivity has to leave a physically controlled environment. A DC environment is a physically secure area where macsec adds to the device processing without adding any advantage. Instead, overlay	<b>Existing Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed  <b>Revised Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support overlay VxLAN tunnels or IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when

					Vxlan tunnels are more relevant to DC environments. So, please either remove the macsec ask or change the clause as suggested for wider OEM participation.	needed  Please refer corrigendum.
11	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports</b>	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRF/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.	This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.
12	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports</b>	8.4	Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	Proposed Switch platform should support <b>overlay VxLAN tunnels or</b> IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	The macsec requirements are more relevant from the campus requirement where the inter device connectivity has to leave a physically controlled environment. A DC environment is a physically secure area	<b>Existing Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed  <b>Revised Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support overlay

					<p>where macsec adds to the device processing without adding any advantage. Instead, overlay Vxlan tunnels are more relevant to DC environments. So, please either remove the macsec ask or change the clause as suggested for wider OEM participation.</p>	<p>VxLAN tunnels or IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
13	<b>Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports</b>	2.4	Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor	Switch should be 1/2 RU fixed form factor	<p>An additional 1U is required to accommodate the 28 x 100G and 8 x 400G. Please allow 2RU devices for Arista to qualify</p>	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 or 2 RU fixed form factor</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
14	<b>Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports</b>	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRE/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	<p>This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align</p>	<p>This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.</p>

					with the same.	
15	Generic Query		VXLAN and EVPN symmetric	Please confirm is the Perpetual or Subscription lic of VXLAN and EVPN are required		perpetual/subscription licensing are required for the contract period as per OEMs policy
16	Generic Query		Table A: Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports, Table B: Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports, Table C: Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports, Table D: Fabric Management Solution	Please confirm all these are required from same OEM or not and also please confirm all these devices need to be managed from Single dashboard or not		It is to confirm that all these switches, management solution are required from the same OEM and needs to be managed from single dashboard

**Bidder-9**

S. No.	Device	Point number	Clause	Changed clause	Justification	Bank Response to the Query
1	Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports	3.6	The switch should support 128K multicast routes	The switch should support 70K multicast routes	The required number of routes are on higher side considering the scale of network. Please reduce the number of routes as suggested for wider OEM participation without affecting	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b>The switch should support 128K multicast routes</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> The switch should support 70K multicast routes.</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>

					the feature and functionality of the fabric.	
2	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports</b>	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRF/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.	This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.
3	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports</b>	8.4	Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	Proposed Switch platform should support <b>overlay VxLAN tunnels or</b> IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	The macsec requirements are more relevant from the campus requirement where the inter device connectivity has to leave a physically controlled environment. A DC environment is a physically secure area where macsec adds to the device processing without adding any advantage. Instead, overlay	<b>Existing Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed  <b>Revised Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support overlay VxLAN tunnels or IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when

					Vxlan tunnels are more relevant to DC environments. So, please either remove the macsec ask or change the clause as suggested for wider OEM participation.	needed  Please refer corrigendum.
4	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports</b>	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRE/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.	This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.
5	<b>Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports</b>	8.4	Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	Proposed Switch platform should support <b>overlay VxLAN tunnels or</b> IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed	The macsec requirements are more relevant from the campus requirement where the inter device connectivity has to leave a physically controlled environment. A DC environment is a physically secure area where	<b>Existing Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support IEEE 802.1AE based Macsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed  <b>Revised Clause:</b> Proposed Switch platform should support overlay VxLAN

					<p>macsec adds to the device processing without adding any advantage. Instead, overlay Vxlan tunnels are more relevant to DC environments. So, please either remove the macsec ask or change the clause as suggested for wider OEM participation.</p>	<p>tunnels or IEEE 802.1AE based MACsec encryption in hardware which may be enabled installing licenses when needed</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
6	<b>Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports</b>	2.4	Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor	Switch should be 1/2 RU fixed form factor	<p>An additional 1U is required to accommodate the 28 x 100G and 8 x 400G. Please allow 2RU devices for Arista to qualify</p>	<p><b>Existing Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 RU fixed form factor</p> <p><b>Revised Clause:</b> Switch should be 1 or 2 RU fixed form factor</p> <p>Please refer corrigendum.</p>
7	<b>Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports</b>	6.3	Switch should support VRF, VRF Edge, Virtual Router to achieve multi instance routing.	Switch should support <b>VRE/VRF Edge/Virtual Router</b> to achieve multi instance routing.	<p>This requirement is already in 6.1. Please change it to align with the same.</p>	<p>This clause stands deleted. Please refer corrigendum.</p>

8			VXLAN and EVPN symmetric		Please confirm is the Perpetual or Subscription lic of VXLAN and EVPN are required	perpetual/subscription licensing are required for the contract period as per OEMs policy
9			Table A: Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Optical Ports, Table B: Top of Rack (ToR)/Leaf Switch - 24 Copper Ports, Table C: Core/Spine Switch - 36 Ports, Table D: Fabric Management Solution		Please confirm all these are required from same OEM or not and also please confirm all these devices need to be managed from Single dashboard or not	It is to confirm that all these switches, management solution are required from the same OEM and needs to be managed from single dashboard
10	Table-III: Optional/future				Please confirm SFP's / Transceivers should be from switching OEM or 3rd party SFP's / Transceivers can be quoted or not	It is to confirm that SFP's / Transceivers should be from switching OEM only. Please refer RFP clause 6. c.

**Bidder-10**

			S. No.	Relevant Clause of RFP	Query	Bank Response to the Query
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			1	Annexure XIX (Technical Specifications)	Please confirm the exact minimum make/model equivalence required for Core and TOR switches, since Annexure mentions features but not specific further details	The intent of drafting the specifications is to ensure that the solution is future-ready, standards-based, and vendor-agnostic while safeguarding interoperability. The criteria have been designed to enable participation from all reputed OEMs and system integrators.
			2	Scope of Work (5.a & 5.g)	Should all Leaf (ToR) switches be of identical configuration, or are different port configurations (Optical vs Copper) acceptable within the same rack group?	All Leaf (ToR) switches must be from the same OEM family and support the specified features (VXLAN, EVPN, MACsec, etc). Identical models are preferred for operational simplicity; however, different port configurations (Fiber vs Copper) are acceptable within the same rack group, provided they are part of the same product family,

						interoperable within the fabric and fullfilling the specifications laid down in RFP.
			3	Scope of Work (5.h)	In case of future migration /revamp of the network, please clarify whether the bidder is expected to absorb costs of new licenses and hardware or only reconfiguration support.	In case the Bank revamps its current architecture or completely migrates to another network technology/ New location due to any reason/business requirement, the bidder shall make necessary changes in its solution by reconfiguration support.
			4	Scope of Work (5.m)	Spine/Core switches – please confirm if they must support 400G scalability (future proofing) or 100G is sufficient.	Spine/Core switches must support a minimum of 100G ports for current deployment. For future scalability (future proofing) platform that support 400G ports with backward

						compatibility to 100G.
			5	Deliverables - Table I	For Buyback items (131 units), kindly provide a detailed inventory list with make, model, serial number, and year of procurement.	Bidder may visit the site, inspect the list and condition of buy back items in advance before quoting for the bid. Time for visiting shall be 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM on working days.
			6	Scope of Work (5.k)	For OEM Training – can training be delivered online/virtual, or is only in-person acceptable to the Bank?	The Bidder must arrange one day in-person training of OEM to the Bank's Technical team of approx. 5 members
			7	Warranty & Support (5.1)	Please confirm whether OEM direct warranty is mandatory, or partner-backed AMC with OEM authorization will be	All proposed switches shall be covered under OEM direct warranty during the contract.

					acceptable .	
			8	Price Bid Format	Since the Nature of Items called for under Optional table II & III have a volatile market pricing, freezing the rate will be impacting the commercials.	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions

**Bidder-11**

			S. N.	Relevant Clause of the RFP	Query	Bank Response to the Query
			1	Annexure XIX: Technical Specifications Table D Fabric Management	Request bank to clarify if the intended deployment type of the switches is traditional as agg and core switches of as spine leaf arch with ACI/NxOS based fabric. If this is fabric , pls clarify if anything additional from the existing nodes will	The intended deployment is Spine-Leaf with fabric enablement ( ACI / NX-OS EVPN-VXLAN or equivalent). All the swithes will be the part of the fabric.

					be part of farbic or not?	
			2	<p>Page 18 8.13. Delivery and Implementation Delivery and Implementation of solutions, assigning of licenses, testing and customization of solution within Eight (08) weeks</p>	<p>Request NHB to accomodate 2 weeks extension with below change in clause Delivery and Implementation of solutions, assigning of licenses, testing and customization of solution within Ten (10) weeks</p>	<p>No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions</p>
			3	<p>Page 19 8.13. Delivery and Implementation Delivery and Implementation of solutions, assigning of licenses, testing and customization of solution within Eight (08) weeks In case delay exceeds 10 weeks, Bank has right to cancel the order.</p>	<p>Request NHB to accomodate 2 weeks extension with below change in clause In case delay exceeds 12 weeks, Bank has right to</p>	<p>No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions</p>

					cancel the order.	
			4	<p>Page 09 Scope of Work K.The Bidder must arrange one day Training of OEM to the Bank’s Technical team. Bank may ask the training at any point of time, bidder has to align technical resources to do so at no extra cost to the bank.</p>	<p>What is the count of NHB Team engineers so the bidder can work with OEM to plan this training for one day?</p>	<p>The Bidder must arrange one day in-person training of OEM to the Bank’s technical team of approx. 5 members</p>
			5	<p>The offered product shall not reach End-of-Life (EOL) or End-of-Support-Life (EoSL) for a minimum of seven (7) years from the date of commissioning. In the event the OEM declares the offered product EOL/EoSL within the contract period, the bidder shall provide an equivalent or higher configuration at no additional cost to the Bank, ensuring continuity of service, support, and features.</p>	<p>Request NHB to clarify if below understanding of the EOL and EoSL is right or not?</p> <p>Last date when the Product support in terms of RMA or technical support on SW by TAC is provided? Is this correct ; if otherwise pls clarify for both.</p>	<p>EoSL is the date after which the OEM completely stops support for the product. i.e., No TAC support, no software patches, no bug/security fixes, no spare commitments etc.</p>

			6	Page 29 10.1 Price The price quoted by the Bidder shall remain firm during the Bidder's performance of the contract i.e., for a period of contract.	Request bank to keep the validity for 1 yr or pls pass dollar and inflation hike	No change in clause, Please be guided as per RFP terms and conditions
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