



Government of Bermuda

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Addenda

For

Request For Proposals for IBM i Infrastructure Upgrade

Procurement No.: **BDA-CAB-IDT-IBMi-RFP-2026-08**

Issued: **Tuesday September 8th, 2026**

Submission Deadline: **Friday October 16, 2026 05:00:00 PM Bermuda local time**

Addenda No. 001

Addenda Type: **Questions and Responses**

The following addendum supersedes information contained in the solicitation document issued for this procurement to the extent referenced. This Addendum forms part of the solicitation documents and will be subject to all of the conditions set out in the contract conditions.

Questions and Responses to Questions

Question 1	Clarify the inconsistent closing and submission dates and confirm which date governs.																		
Answer 1	Proponents should refer to the RFP Timetable with the RFP. Section 1.4.1 Key Dates. The inconsistent date on the portal has been corrected. 1.4.1 Key Dates <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Issue Date of RFP</td><td>Wednesday August 19, 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>No Pre-Bid / Site Meeting</td><td>N/A</td></tr> <tr> <td>Deadline for Questions</td><td>Tuesday September 01, 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>Deadline for Issuing Addenda</td><td>Tuesday September 22, 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>Submission Deadline</td><td>Friday October 16, 2026 05:00:00 PM</td></tr> <tr> <td>Rectification Period</td><td>10 business days</td></tr> <tr> <td>Anticipated Ranking of Proponents</td><td>Monday November 16, 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>Contract Negotiation Period</td><td>20 calendar days</td></tr> <tr> <td>Anticipated Execution of Agreement</td><td>Wednesday December 16, 2026</td></tr> </table> All times listed are Bermuda local time. The RFP timetable is tentative only and may be changed by the Government at any time. For greater clarity, business days means all days that the Government is open for business.	Issue Date of RFP	Wednesday August 19, 2026	No Pre-Bid / Site Meeting	N/A	Deadline for Questions	Tuesday September 01, 2026	Deadline for Issuing Addenda	Tuesday September 22, 2026	Submission Deadline	Friday October 16, 2026 05:00:00 PM	Rectification Period	10 business days	Anticipated Ranking of Proponents	Monday November 16, 2026	Contract Negotiation Period	20 calendar days	Anticipated Execution of Agreement	Wednesday December 16, 2026
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Question 2	Will the notice and addenda remain accessible after September 22, 2026, or be circulated directly?																		
Answer 2	All addenda will be published on the Government Procurement Notices portal. Proponents are responsible for monitoring the portal. Addenda will not be sent directly to interested parties. The RFP and all addenda will remain accessible on the portal.																		
Question 3	Will equipment and services be duty-free, or should pricing be fully dutiable?																		
Answer 3	Proponents should provide the information requested under the RFP Section 3 "Required Pricing Information" by reproducing and completing the Annex B - Required Pricing Form in their proposals. Pricing must be provided in Bermuda funds, inclusive of all applicable duties and taxes, which should be itemized separately.																		

Question 4	Will a second round of questions be permitted?
Answer 4	No. All questions must have been submitted by the Deadline for Questions. Questions received after this deadline will not be responded to. The Government reserves the right to issue further addenda or clarifications if necessary.
Question 5	Can IBM Power11 partner authorization be satisfied through a subcontractor, teaming partner, or joint-submission member?
Answer 5	Yes. Proponents must clearly detail if their proposal is a joint submission in accordance with Section 1.3, Type of Contract for Deliverables, within the RFP. The submission must clearly indicate which party will act as the prime contractor. Proponents should ensure that all subcontractors, teaming partners, or consortium members are clearly identified and describe their roles, responsibilities, and accountability. The authorised IBM partner must be clearly identified, and required evidence of the authorisation is included.
Question 6	Can an overseas IBM-authorized partner submit directly, and when must Bermuda requirements be met?
Answer 6	Yes, provided all RFP requirements are met. Any applicable Bermuda registration, licensing, tax, or statutory requirements must be satisfied by the successful proponent before contract execution and commencement of services.
Question 7	Should the Bermuda prime and overseas IBM partner, together with their roles, be identified?
Answer 7	Yes. Proponents must clearly detail if their proposal is a joint submission in accordance with Section 1.3, Type of Contract for Deliverables, within the RFP. The submission must clearly indicate which party will act as the prime contractor. Proponents should ensure that all subcontractors, teaming partners, or consortium members are clearly identified and describe their roles, responsibilities, and accountability. The authorised IBM partner must be clearly identified, and required evidence of the authorisation is included

Question 8	What exact evidence is required in the IBM authorization letter?
Answer 8	The letter should meet the requirements of the Mandatory Technical Requirements contained in the RFP, including, but not limited to naming the authorised IBM partner; confirm IBM authorisation to supply, implement, and support the proposed IBM Power11 solution in Bermuda and confirm good standing with IBM.
Question 9	May the IBM partner remain reseller/channel partner of record while the prime contracts with Government?
Answer 9	Yes, provided the prime contractor remains fully accountable to Government for the complete solution and all contractual obligations.
Question 10	Are subcontractors and teaming partners permitted, and are approvals or forms required?
Answer 10	Yes. Proponents must clearly detail if their proposal is a joint submission in accordance with Section 1.3, Type of Contract for Deliverables, within the RFP. Proponents should ensure that all subcontractors, teaming partners, or consortium members are identified and describe their roles, responsibilities, and accountability.
Question 11	How will the 30% Local Benefits criterion be scored for an international and Bermuda team?
Answer 11	The evaluation of Local Benefits will be based upon the information provided in the proponent's submitted Local Benefits Form and in accordance with the Rated Criteria stated in Appendix D, Section F, Rated Criteria; Annex D, Local Benefits of the RFP.
Question 12	Must one legal entity contract, or can Government award to a consortium?
Answer 12	Government intends to contract with only one legal entity. Joint submissions are acceptable in accordance with Section 1.3, Type of Contract for Deliverables, within the RFP. The submission must clearly indicate which party will act as the prime contractor. Proponents should ensure that all subcontractors, teaming partners, or consortium members are clearly

	identified and describe their roles, responsibilities, and accountability. The authorised IBM partner must be clearly identified, and required evidence of the authorisation is included but the prime contractor must be identified. Other team members may be disclosed as material subcontractors, subject to the final contractual arrangement.
Question 13	Confirm currency and treatment of FX, freight, duties, taxes, and imports.
Answer 13	Proponents should provide the information requested under the RFP Section 3 “Required Pricing Information” by reproducing and completing the Annex B - Required Pricing Form in their proposals. Pricing must be provided in Bermuda funds, inclusive of all applicable duties and taxes, which should be itemized separately.
Question 14	Is the 180-day requirement mandatory, or may milestones reflect lead times?
Answer 14	Government’s objective is completion within the stated timeframe. Proponents should submit their Project Plan detailing lead times, manufacturing, shipping, implementation, migration, testing, and commissioning. The proposed timeline will form part of evaluation in accordance with the Rated Criteria.
Question 15	Confirm anticipated award and authorization to order hardware.
Answer 15	The indicative schedule identifies ranking on November 16, 2026, a 20-calendar-day negotiation period, and anticipated agreement execution on December 16, 2026. These are estimates and may change. Hardware ordering and commencement should occur only after written authorization under the executed agreement.
Question 16	Provide machine type and serial numbers for existing Power10 and Power9 systems.
Answer 16	Relevant infrastructure information for existing systems will be provided to the successful proponent during implementation. No additional details will be released at this time.

Question 17	Provide current and desired VIOS, IBM i, and Linux levels.
Answer 17	The environment uses supported IBM operating system versions. Detailed version information will be provided during project initiation to the successful proponent.
Question 18	Are LPARs on internal disk or SAN storage?
Answer 18	The LPARs are on SAN storage. Additional details will be made available to the successful proponent.
Question 19	Describe the LPAR backup and restore strategy, including tape or virtual tape.
Answer 19	Government maintains established backup and recovery procedures. The LPAR backup and restore is on virtual tape environment. Detailed architecture information will be provided during project initiation.
Question 20	Provide data centre and HMC details, including the DR HMC and Power10 relocation.
Answer 20	Government operates primary and disaster recovery facilities. Detailed architecture and management information will be provided during project initiation.
Question 21	Is MIMIX, PowerHA, or other high-availability software used?
Answer 21	Government currently uses ITERA/MIMIX for data replication Relevant technical details will be shared as necessary for implementation planning.
Question 22	What third-party applications are being deployed or migrated?

Answer 22	Multiple mission-critical Government applications operate on the IBM i platform. Detailed application inventories will be provided during project planning and discovery.
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