



Republic of Maldives

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# Information Sheet

## Purchase of NAS Storage System for VMC Server Room

12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

<b>Section 1 - Instruction to Tenderers</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>General</b>
1.1	Announcement Number: (IUL)VMC-PROC/1/2026/16
1.2	Announcement Date: 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
1.3	Project: <b>To purchase NAS Storage System for VMC Server Room</b>
1.4	Registration Deadline 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 1200hrs
1.5	Submission Deadline (Date & Time) 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 1100hrs
1.6	Bid Addressed to Hassan Shaheel Director, Procurement Visit Maldives Corporation <hr/> H. Zonaria, 4th Floor, Boduthakurufaanu Magu, Male' Republic of Maldives
<b>2.</b>	<b>Procedure of Tendering</b>
2.1	<b>Introduction to Bidders</b> The Tenderer must be a sole proprietor, private entity, a registered company or government-owned entity or any combination of them in the form of a joint venture, under an existing agreement, or with the intent to constitute a legally enforceable joint venture.
2.2	<b>Registration of Tenderers:</b> To register please email with the following information to ( <a href="mailto:procurement@visitmaldives.com">procurement@visitmaldives.com</a> ) by, 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 before 1200 hrs. Company name: Contact person name: Contact number: Email:
2.3	<b>Clarifications of Bidding document, Scope of work:</b> All clarifications must be addressed on or before 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026 before 1100hrs, through email ( <a href="mailto:procurement@visitmaldives.com">procurement@visitmaldives.com</a> )

	<p>Unless specifically stated otherwise in this information sheet, all queries and communications in respect to the information sheet or the Tender Process shall be addressed by any Respondent to VMC, by e-mail.</p>
2.4	<p><b>Submission of Tenders:</b>                  Submission of tenders will take place at:                  Venue: <a href="#">Visit Maldives Corporation, 4th Floor, H. Zonaria, Male'</a>                  Date: <a href="#">24<sup>th</sup> May 2026</a>                  Time: <a href="#">1100 hrs.</a>                  Only registered parties will be eligible to submit their proposal</p>
2.5	<p><b>Late Tender:</b>                  VMC shall not consider any Tender that arrives after the deadline for submission of Tenders, in accordance with clause 2.4. Any Tender received by VMC after the deadline for submission of Tenders shall be declared late, rejected, and returned unopened to the Tenderer.</p>
2.6	<p><b>Amendments to Tender Documents:</b>                  (a) At any time prior to the deadline for submission of Tenders, the VMC may amend the Tendering Document by issuing addenda.                  (b) Any addendum issued shall be part of the Tendering Document and shall be communicated in writing to all who have obtained the Tendering Document from VMC                   To give prospective Tenderers reasonable time in which to take an addendum into account in preparing their Tenders, the Employer may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of Tenders</p>
2.7	<p>This Information sheet and all the entities participating in the Bid Process shall be governed by the laws of Maldives, without having regard to its principles of conflict of laws. Only the courts in Maldives shall have exclusive jurisdiction to entertain, hold trial, and adjudicate upon any dispute in relation to the information sheet, Bid Process or any other aspect in relation thereto.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Preparation of Tenders</b>
3.1	Each Respondent shall submit a single proposal.
3.2	All documents submitted should be clear.

3.3	<p><b>Cost of Tendering:</b></p> <p>The Tenderer shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its Tender, and VMC shall in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the tendering process.</p>
3.4	<p><b>Language of Tender:</b></p> <p>The Tender, as well as all correspondence and documents relating to the Tender exchanged by the Tenderer and VMC, shall be written in <b>English or Dhivehi</b> Language. Supporting documents and printed literature that are part of the Tender may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an accurate translation of the relevant passages in <b>English or Dhivehi</b>, in which case, for purposes of interpretation of the Tender, such translation shall govern.</p>
3.5	<p><b>Documents Comprising the Tender:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Quotation</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 Quotation must contain the following.</li> <li>1.2 Price breakdown for each equipment (The prices shall be quoted inclusive of GST if applicable.)</li> <li>1.3 <b>Authorized signatory with name and designation</b> of the signatory or <b>Company stamp</b>.</li> <li>1.4 Validity of 90 days from date of submission. If validity is not stated on the quotation, it will be considered valid for 90 days.</li> <li>1.5 Should have minimum 03-year warranty and Support for all the items. This should be mentioned in the quotation.</li> <li>1.6 If the seller is an authorized distributor of the products, an authorized distributor letter or supporting document must be submitted along with the quotation.</li> <li>1.7 All calculations and costing should be in Maldivian Rufiyaa.</li> <li>1.8 Tender proposal <b><u>will be disqualified</u></b> if the document is not submitted or if the document is not as per the information sheet.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>Copy of a valid Registration Certificate of Sole Proprietorship / Partnership /Company / Corporative Society</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 A Tenderer may be a sole proprietor, private entity, a registered company or government-owned entity or any combination of them in the form of a</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

joint venture, under an existing agreement, or with the intent to constitute a legally enforceable joint venture.

2.2 The tender proposal **will be disqualified** if the registration document is not submitted.

### 3. Profile of the Tenderer

Must include the following;

3.1 List of similar services provided by the company

3.2 Capacity (Number of years in service).

3.3 Tender proposal **will be disqualified** if the document is not submitted.

**Marks will be deducted** if the document is not as per the information sheet.

### 4. Copy of GST Registration Document and Tax Clearance Document issued by MIRA

4.1 The Tax Clearance Document should be a recent certificate (**not earlier than 1 month from the date of this announcement.**)

4.2 The tenderer should not have any dues that needs to be paid to MIRA or the Tenderer should be paying debts owed to MIRA in accordance with an agreed payment schedule (should not be in default).

4.3 In case if the bidder is **not eligible** for GST registration, **this should be clearly stated** in the quotation submitted with the proposal.

4.4 Tender proposal **will be disqualified** if the document is not submitted with the Tender or if the document is not as per the information sheet.

### 5. Past Experience Letters

5.1 Must submit Letters of similar projects undertaken within the past 5 years from the date of this announcement.

5.2 The Past Experience letter should include the name/ details of the project along with the contact details for reference.

5.3 Tender proposal **will be disqualified** if the document is not submitted with the tender or if there is no past experience in similar projects.

	<p>5.4 Marks <b><u>will be deducted</u></b> if they have worked with VMC and their performance was not satisfactory.</p>
3.6	<p><b>Work Completion Requirement:</b></p> <p>a) Work should be completed as per the scope of work</p>
3.7	<p><b>Period of Validity of Tender:</b></p> <p>(a) Tenders shall remain valid for 90 calendar days after the Tender submission deadline date prescribed by VMC. A Tender valid for a shorter period shall be rejected by VMC as nonresponsive.</p> <p>(b) If validity is not stated on the quotation, it will be considered valid for 90 days.</p> <p>(c) In exceptional circumstances, prior to the expiration of the Tender validity period, VMC may request Tenderers to extend the period of validity of their Tenders. The request and the responses shall be made in writing.</p>
3.8	<p><b>Bid Security</b></p> <p>If the bid value is more than MVR 2,000,000.00 (Two Million), a bid security must be provided by the Bidder, when submitting the Tender.</p> <p><b>All bidders should submit a Bid Security of 15% of the proposed bid value.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bid security shall be valid for period of 4 weeks beyond the validity period of the bid.</li> <li>• The Bid security shall be in the form of a Bank Guarantee, from a Bank or from an Insurance company based in Maldives.</li> <li>• The bid security will be returned to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful bidder - upon receipt of performance security</li> <li>Unsuccessful bidders - upon award of the contract to the successful bidder</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
3.9	<p><b>Performance Security:</b></p> <p>If the project value is more than MVR 2,000,000.00 (Two Million), the successful bidder will be required to provide the performance security within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the notification of award/letter of acceptance. Successful bidder should provide 15% of proposed bid value as a performance security.</p>

	<p>The performance security is to ensure that the supplier or contractor fulfils its obligations under the contract and is intended to protect the VMC against default on the part of the supplier or contractor.</p> <p>The performance security will be released once the project is completed as per the agreement.</p>
3.10	<p><b>Format of Signing of Tender:</b></p> <p>The Tenderer shall prepare one original of the documents comprising the Tender as described in Clause 3.5, and clearly mark it “Original”. Alternative Tenders, if permitted in accordance with clause 3.10, shall be clearly marked “Alternative”.</p>
3.11	<p><b>Alternative Tenders:</b></p> <p>It is not permitted to submit Alternative Tenders.</p>
3.12	<p><b>Conflict of Interest:</b></p> <p>A Tenderer shall not have a conflict of interest. All Tenderers found to have a conflict of interest shall be disqualified. A Tenderer may be considered to have a conflict of interest with one or more parties in this tendering process, if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) they have a controlling partner in common; or</li> <li>(b) they receive or have received any direct or indirect subsidy from any of them; or</li> <li>(c) they have the same legal representative for purposes of this Tender; or</li> <li>(d) they have a relationship with each other, directly or through common third parties, that puts them in a position to have access to information about or influence on the Tender of another Tenderer, or influence the decisions of the Employer regarding this tendering process; or</li> <li>(e) a Tenderer participates in more than one Tender in this tendering process. Participation by a Tenderer in more than one Tender will result in the disqualification of all Tenders in which the party is involved. However, this does not limit the inclusion of the same subcontractor in more than one Tender; or</li> <li>(f) a Tenderer or any of its affiliates participated as a consultant in the preparation of the design or technical specifications of the contract that is the subject of the Tender; or</li> <li>(g) a Tenderer, or any of its affiliates has been hired (or is proposed to be hired) by VMC.</li> </ul>

3.13	The Tenderer shall not engage in corrupt or fraudulent practices in the preparation or lodgment of a Bid.
3.14	<p><b>Authorization:</b></p> <p>(a) The original shall be signed by a person duly authorized to sign on behalf of the Tenderer. The name and position held by each person signing the authorization <b>must be typed or printed</b> below the signature.</p>
4.	<b>Submission and Opening of Tenders</b>
4.1	<p><b>Deadline for Submission of Tenders:</b></p> <p>(a) Tenders must be received by VMC physically at the address and no later than the date and time in clause 1.5 of this document.</p> <p>(b) VMC may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of Tenders by amending the Tendering Document, in which case all rights and obligations of VMC and Tenderers previously subject to the deadline shall thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.</p>
5.	<b>Disqualification</b>
	<p>VMC shall have absolute discretion to disqualify any Proposal made by a Respondent on any one or more of the following grounds;</p> <p>a) The Proposal is not accompanied by documents required to be submitted (as detailed in clause 3.5) in accordance with this RFP;</p> <p>b) If the submitted proposal of the tenderer fails to meet the requirements as mentioned in the scope of work</p> <p>c) If the Respondent submits incorrect/ inaccurate/ misleading information or conceals/suppresses any relevant information</p> <p>d) Where the Respondent seeks to modify the Proposal after Proposal Due Date without the consent of VMC</p> <p>e) Any Proposal that is received after the Proposal Due Date</p> <p>f) Pending, active, or previous legal action by/ against a Tenderer /Respondent that may prevent its participation in the Tender Process or prevent it from fulfilling its respective obligations as specified and/ or as required in/under this RFP and the Agreement; and/ or</p> <p>g) If the Respondent is in breach of any of its material contractual obligations at any of its previous contracts with the Government of Maldives or VMC</p>

	h) If Tenderer is found to be engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in the preparation or lodgment of a Bid.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Evaluation</b>
6.1	The tender evaluations will be carried out as per the evaluation criteria stated under Section 2 of this document. No other evaluation criteria shall be permitted.
6.2	To assist in the examination, evaluation, and comparison of Bids, VMC may, at its discretion, ask any Tenderer for clarification of its Bid. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing, but no change in the price or substance of the Bid shall be sought, offered, or permitted except as required to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors discovered by VMC in the evaluation of the Bids.
6.3	From the Bid Due Date until the issue of the Letter of Award, if any Tenderer wishes to contact VMC on any matter related to the Bid or the Bid Process, it should be done in writing.
6.4	Any effort on the part of the Tenderers to influence VMC in the examination, evaluation, ranking of Bids may result in the rejection of the respective Tenderer's Bid.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Advance Payment and Advance Payment Guarantee (Not applicable)</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Award of Contract</b>
8.1	VMC will issue the Letter of Award to the Respondent whose Proposal has been determined to be responsive and has the highest score (the "Selected Respondent").
8.2	The Letter of Award will be issued to the Selected Respondent or posted to the Selected Respondent's address, or a scanned version of the Letter of Award shall be sent via e-mail at the address given in the Proposal and such handing or posting or e-mail shall be deemed good service of such a notice.
8.3	If the Selected Respondent fails to sign the Letter of Award and the Agreement within the given period, VMC shall have the right at its absolute discretion to select the Proposal with the highest score among the remaining responsive Respondents or annul the Tender Process.
8.4	VMC reserves the right to annul the Tender Process and reject all Proposals, at any time prior to signing of the Agreement, without thereby incurring any liability to the Respondents, or any obligation to inform the Respondents of the grounds for VMC's action.

<b>9.</b>	<b>Payment Terms</b>
<b>9.1</b>	<p>As consideration for the proposal for the project, the Selected Respondent/Bidder shall be compensated in the manner provided below.</p> <p>A) Payment will be paid after delivery as per the scope of work within 30-45 days upon submission of the invoice.</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>Contract Termination</b>
<b>10.1</b>	<p><b>Contract Notice or Termination:</b></p> <p>The contract will be terminated if the selected bidder fails to deliver all the items as per the scope of work and stated in the agreement.</p>

Section 2 - Evaluation Criteria		
Area	Details	Marks
Contract Price	The party that proposes the lowest contract price for 1 year shall receive a maximum mark of Sixty (60), and for remaining proposals marks will be allocated on pro rata basis.	60
Company Profile	Marks will be given as follows; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nature of Work. Should include the services offered.</li> <li>b. Capacity (Number of years in service).</li> <li>c. The organizational structure.</li> </ul>	10
Delivery Period	Maximum marks will be awarded to the party who proposes the shortest delivery period as one batch. This should be clearly mentioned in the proposal. Marks will be allocated on pro rata basis	20
Past Experience	A minimum of 3 reference letters of similar projects undertaken within the past 5 years will be required for full marks to be awarded. The reference letter should include the name of the project along with the contact details for reference. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 3 Projects: 10 marks</li> <li>b) 2 Projects: 06 marks</li> <li>c) 1 Project: 03 marks</li> </ul>	10
	TOTAL	100

### Section 1 - Scope of Work

The Bidder/Respondent shall provide NAS Storage System to VMC as per the specifications below.

#### REQUIREMENTS

##### NAS Unit: Qty 01

- 8-Bay NAS
- Minimum 8GB RAM (16GB recommended)
- Network: 1x 10GbE and 2x 1GbE ports
- RAID Support: RAID 5

##### Storage Drives: Qty 04

- 16TB NAS HDD
- 7200 RPM
- Up to 281 MB/s sustained transfer rate
- 180TB yearly workload rating

##### Additional Requirements:

- Warranty & Support: Minimum 3 years

##### Kindly include the following details in your quotation:

- Unit price and total cost
- Delivery timeline
- Warranty and support details
- Payment terms
- Authorized distributor letter or supporting document (if the seller is an authorized distributor of the products)

1. Should have a minimum of 03 years warranty for all the items. This should be mentioned in the quotation.
2. Must be an authorized distributor of the product.
3. If the bidder is the authorized seller in the Maldives for specific product it should be clearly mentioned in the proposal and the authorized seller certificate/documents should be submitted.
4. The delivery shall be made as one batch.