



INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

Bid Announcement Ref: ASND/GA/IUL/2026/32

Bid Submission Date: 25th October 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Bid Submission: Please refer to Part II – Instructions to Bidders

Aasandha Company Limited ("the Company") is seeking bids for the items specified in this document. Interested bidders are invited to submit their proposals for the supply of the items as instructed in this document. Please ensure that all submissions comply with the instructions. Failure to comply with the instructions may result in disqualification of the bid.

Part I – Cisco Firewall Subscriptions Renewal

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- **Maximum Renewal / Activation Deadline: All subscriptions and support entitlements must be renewed and activated before 9 November 2026 or before expiry of the existing subscriptions, whichever occurs first.**
- The Bidder must be an authorized Cisco distributor, partner, or reseller for the proposed subscriptions, licenses, and support entitlements and shall submit documentary evidence of such authorization (certificate/letter/screenshot/link).
- All licenses and support entitlements shall be registered to Aasandha Company Limited under the Company's Cisco Smart Account.
- The Company will only accept subscriptions, licenses, and support entitlements procured through authorized Cisco channels. The Company reserves the right to reject any entitlement, license, or service that cannot be validated through authorized channels or is identified as unauthorized, counterfeit, or otherwise non-genuine.

Please complete the following minimum specification and compliance table. Bidders may provide additional relevant information or specifications where necessary.

#	Description	Comply (Yes/No) If different, specify
1.1	Cisco SmartNet SNTC 8X5XNBD Renewal for FPR3105-NGFW-K9 - 1 Year Qty: 02	
1.2	Cisco FPR3105 Threat Defense URL Filtering License - 1 Year Qty: 02	
1.3	Cisco FPR3105 Threat Defense Malware Protection License - 1 Year Qty: 02	
1.4	Cisco FPR3105 Threat Defense Threat Protection License - 1 Year Qty: 02	

Part II – Instructions to Bidders

General Instructions

Key events and dates

The following schedule will apply to this bid but may change in accordance with the organization's needs or unforeseen circumstances. All changes will be communicated.

- Bid Submission Date: 25th October 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
- The bid proposal must be valid for 60 days from the date of submission.

Registration

Vendors who wish to participate must send their Company Name, Contact Person's Name, Email Address, and Contact Number to tender@aaasandha.mv before **18th October 2026 at 15:00 hrs** to register for the bid.

Submission of Bids

- The Company will send a web meeting link to the registered email address for bid submission.
- Vendors must submit the bid document during the web meeting, when requested, by sending it via email to tender@aaasandha.mv
- If the file size exceeds 20 MB, vendors must upload the bid document to a cloud storage service (such as Google Drive, Dropbox, or OneDrive) and provide the download link via email. The link must remain accessible to the Company from the time of submission until completion of the evaluation process, and the submitted file must not be replaced or modified after the submission deadline.
- The Bid will not be accepted if the vendor is not registered for the submission or does not attend the submission meeting.

Communication

Applicable terms and conditions herein shall govern communications and inquiries related to this bid between the Company and bidders.

Technical inquiries, questions, and requests for clarification shall be directed via email to tender@aaasandha.mv, with tech@aaasandha.mv copied.

Any other form of communication shall be considered informal and shall have no weight, bearing, or influence in this bid process.

The Company will respond to requests for clarification and queries relating to this tender received no later than one working day before the bid submission date set forth above.

Qualified Bidders

Any single firm, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, company, joint venture, or other legal entity registered in the Republic of Maldives, is eligible to participate.

Vendor's Understanding of the Bid

In submitting a bid in response to this Tender, the Bidder acknowledges and accepts responsibility for reviewing and understanding the Tender Document, including all requirements, specifications, terms, conditions, and instructions. The Bidder shall seek any clarification it considers necessary before the clarification deadline. The Company may reject a Bid that fails to comply with a mandatory requirement,

contains a material deviation, reservation, or omission, or otherwise fails to meet the eligibility or technical requirements stated in the Tender. Any disqualification or cancellation shall be based on the requirements and conditions stated in the Tender and applicable procurement procedures.

Proposal Requirements

Qualification Criteria

The Bidder must have at least three (3) years of relevant experience in the supply, renewal, licensing, configuration, or support of enterprise IT solutions. Relevant experience with Cisco licensing, SmartNet/support renewals, firewall subscriptions, or equivalent enterprise security solutions shall be considered applicable.

The Company shall confirm that the following mandatory legal documents and information have been provided in the Bid. If any mandatory document or information is missing, the Bid shall be rejected.

- Company Registration Certificate
- GST Registration Certificate
- Signed Declaration on Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption (Annex 1)

Bid Format

Executive Summary: A summary of the Bidder's proposed approach to the Cisco firewall subscription and support renewal, including renewal/activation methodology, continuity of existing entitlements, Cisco Smart Account registration, technical support arrangements, and any relevant features or considerations for the Company.

Bidder and Partner(s) Overview and Profile: The Bidder shall provide basic information on the Bidder and any partners participating in the Tender. This shall include relevant organizational history, IT and cybersecurity experience, technical capabilities, Cisco authorization/partnership status, experience with similar subscription or support renewals, and any partnering arrangements made for this Tender.

Proposal Requirements

The proposal must be submitted as **two (2) separate documents**:

A) Technical Proposal

B) Financial Proposal

No pricing or financial information shall be included in the Technical Proposal. All pricing and financial information shall be included only in the Financial Proposal.

A) Technical Proposal

The Technical Proposal shall be submitted separately from the Financial Proposal and must comply with the Technical Submission Checklist below. Only proposals that meet all mandatory requirements shall proceed to financial evaluation.

Technical Submission Checklist

Mandatory Requirement	Bidder Response	Evidence / Reference
Valid Cisco distributor/partner/reseller authorization and authorized sourcing channel	Yes / No	
Compliance with all Part I items, quantities, subscription periods, and support requirements	Yes / No	
Registration of licenses/support entitlements to Aasandha Company Limited Cisco Smart Account	Yes / No	
Renewal completed before the stated deadline/existing expiry with no interruption to services or support	Yes / No	
Post-renewal evidence confirming covered devices, license quantities, service level, and subscription dates	Yes / No	

B) Financial Proposal

The Financial Proposal shall be submitted separately from the Technical Proposal and shall include the duly completed Bid Form in the Sample Forms section.

- The Financial Proposal shall include a separate schedule of any exceptions or deviations from the Tender requirements, if any. Any bidder terms or conditions shall apply only if expressly accepted in writing by the Company.
- Any other relevant financial or commercial information.

Unless otherwise specified, all prices shall be quoted entirely in Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR) and shall be inclusive of all applicable government taxes.

Subscription Renewal, Activation and Support

If, during performance of the contract, the successful Bidder or its subcontractor(s) encounters any condition that may delay renewal or activation of the agreed subscriptions or support entitlements, the Bidder shall promptly notify the Company in writing, stating the cause and likely duration of the delay. The Company may, where justified and permitted under the contract and applicable procurement procedures, approve an extension through a written contract amendment. Any extension must be approved before the applicable deadline.

The Bidder shall state the required renewal/activation period in calendar days. All renewals must be completed and activated before 09 November 2026 and before expiry of the existing subscriptions, whichever occurs first. Successful completion shall require active and valid subscriptions/support entitlements under the Company's Cisco Smart Account with no interruption to existing licensing, security services, or support entitlement.

Acceptance Criteria: Upon completion, the successful Bidder shall provide documentary evidence confirming successful renewal/activation, covered devices, applicable license quantities, service level, commencement and expiry dates, and Cisco support entitlement.

1. If the Contract Price is less than or equal to MVR 1,000,000.00, Liquidated Damages = $CP \times 0.005 \times D$ shall be deducted for each calendar day of delay, starting on the day after the applicable deadline.
2. If the Contract Price is more than MVR 1,000,000.00, Liquidated Damages = $CP \times 0.0025 \times D$ shall be deducted for each calendar day of delay, starting on the day after the applicable deadline.
3. Liquidated Damages shall accrue up to a maximum of 15% of the Contract Price. Upon reaching the maximum, the Company may terminate the contract, subject to the contract terms and applicable procurement procedures.

CP: Contract Price; D: Number of calendar days delayed.

Additional Information

- a) The Bidder shall submit a brief renewal and activation methodology describing the proposed process, responsible support arrangements, required dependencies, and measures to ensure continuity of the existing Cisco subscriptions and support entitlements.
- b) The Company reserves the right to verify certificates and reference letters by contacting the relevant issuing organizations or referees. Therefore, please provide contact information with certificate copies and reference letters.

Evaluation and Comparison of Bids

- **Clarification of Bids:** To assist in the examination, evaluation, comparison, and post-qualification of bids, the Company may request clarification from a Bidder. Clarifications shall not be used to change the price or substance of a Bid, except to confirm the correction of arithmetic errors identified during evaluation.
- **Responsiveness of Bids:** A Bid that is not substantially responsive to the Tender Document shall be rejected and may not subsequently be made responsive by correction of a material deviation, reservation, or omission.
- **Technical Evaluation of Bids:** The Company shall evaluate the Technical Proposal against the mandatory eligibility requirements, Part I specifications, and Technical Submission Checklist. Technical compliance shall be assessed on a Pass/Fail basis. Only technically compliant Bids shall proceed to financial evaluation.

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation will be conducted in three stages: (1) eligibility and mandatory documentation review (Pass/Fail); (2) technical compliance review (Pass/Fail); and (3) financial evaluation of technically qualified Bids.

- **Price: 100 points (applied only to Bids that pass the mandatory eligibility and technical compliance stages).**
 - Each technically qualified Bidder's evaluated price will be used to determine its relative position on a 0-100 price scale. The lowest evaluated price will receive 100 points, and the remaining qualified Bids will be scored proportionately using the formula below.
Price percentage = $100 \times (\text{lowest price} / \text{quoted price})$

Bid Form

BID FORM

Description of supply/service:	Cisco Firewall Subscriptions Renewal
Bid to:	Aasandha Company Limited
Address:	Fen Building 3rd Floor, Ameenee Magu, Mahchangoalhi, Male', 20375, Republic of Maldives

Having examined the Tender Document, contract conditions, and technical requirements, I/we, the undersigned, offer to provide and renew the required Cisco subscriptions, licenses, and support entitlements in conformity with the Tender for the total sum of MVR: _____
(_____).

We undertake, if our Bid is accepted, to complete the renewal and activation before 9 November 2026 and before expiry of the existing subscriptions, without interruption to existing services or support.

We agree to abide by this Bid for sixty (60) days from the date of submission. The Bid shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before expiry of that period. We understand that the Company is not bound to accept the lowest-priced or any Bid received.

Unless and until a formal agreement is executed, this Bid together with the Company's written acceptance shall constitute a binding contract, subject to the Tender requirements and applicable procurement procedures.

Yours faithfully,

Signed _____

In the capacity of _____

Duly authorized to sign bids for and on behalf of _____

(Company Name & Stamp)

Date: _____

Name & Address of Signatory

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No.: _____

Email: _____

Annex 1

Declaration on Ethical Conduct and Fraud and Corruption

[The Bidder shall fill in and submit this form with the Bid]

We the undersigned confirm in the preparation of our Bid that:

1. Neither we, nor any of our employees, associates, agents, shareholders, consultants, partners or their relatives or associates have any relationship that could be regarded as a conflict of interest as set out in the Bidding Documents.
2. Should we become aware of any actual or potential conflict of interest, we shall report it immediately to the Company.
3. That neither we, nor any of our employees, associates, agents, shareholders, partners, consultants or their relatives or associates have entered into corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practices in respect of our bid or proposal.
4. We understand our obligation to allow the Company to inspect records relating to the preparation of our Bid and any contract that may result from it, whether or not we are awarded the contract, subject to applicable law and contractual requirements.
5. That no payments in connection with this procurement exercise have been made by us or our associates, agents, shareholders, partners, or their relatives or associates to any staff, associates, consultants, employees, or other persons involved in the procurement process on behalf of the Company.
6. We agree that the Company reserves the right to disqualify or suspend the Bidder, or terminate any resulting contract or other arrangement, in accordance with the Tender and applicable procedures, if it is established that we have engaged in fraudulent, corrupt, coercive, or collusive practices in connection with this procurement.
7. This declaration is in addition to, and does not replace or cancel, or operate as a waiver of, any terms of contractual arrangements between us and the Company.

Authorized Signature: _____

Name:

Title:

Company Stamp: