Nepal Rastra Bank,
Assets and Services Management Department
Baluwatar, Kathmandu
Clarification Notice No. 1

This is to notify all concerned that Nepal Rastra Bank, Baluwatar, Kathmandu, Nepal, has made the following clarification to the Bidding Documents for Electronic Bids for the Procurement of the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Alternate Internet Connection through Border Gateway Protocol (BGP Technology) (IFB No: NRB/ASMD/GOODS/NCB/03/079/80) as per the notice published on 2079/08/12 in "Gorkhapatra" national daily newspaper.

Point	RFP Point	Query from the Bidder	Response from NRB
Eligible Criteria	Bidder shall not be the provider of existing Internet Service to NRB	Can existing corporate intranet service provider participate in this bid?	Any service provider who is not currently providing central internet service to Nepal Rastra Bank are eligible for this bid. Existing service provider who provide corporate intranet service as well as providers who are currently providing Internet service to some units of the bank are also eligible for this bid.
Connection Type	Fiber connection with automatic failover. The route of the fiber connection to NRB Data Center shall be separate from one another.	Is fiber connection with automatic failover required only on DC (Baluwatar) sites or is it required in DR as wel.	The bidder shall provide the fiber connection with automatic failover to DR site of NRB (Biratnagar) as well.
Subscription	1 year Subscription with yearly renewal option. The subscription period shall be started after successful deployment of BGP service. Bidder should ensure uninterrupted internet service throughout the period	What is the subscription period of internet service? Is it tied with warranty period of routers?	The subscription period of alternet internet service is one year with possible renewal after expiry of original service period. Warranty period is applicable only for the router to be supplied as part of this project. Warranty period of router shall continue for a period 3 years regardless of whether Internet subscription is renewed.
Security Capabilities	Router shall support SDWAN	Is SDWAN necessary component for router?	Routers are required to support SDWAN feature in case NRB purchases compatible SDWAN in future. However no additional license or support service is required at time, and this router's SDWAN shall in no way be a condition in future SDWAN procurement if any.
Security Capabilities	Shall support Zone-based firewall, IPS, PKI, ACL, Challenge handshake (CHAP), PAP, Certificate Authority (CA) etc	Is firewall feature necessary component for router?	Yes, basic firewall service is required. However, subsription based servcies are not required.