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NOTICE OF CLARIFICATION

(In terms of Section 34 (3)(a) of the Public Procurement Regulations: Public Procurement Act, 2015)

Project Name: **Network Infrastructure Upgrade**

Procurement Reference No: **NCS/ONB/NPM-02/2026- 2027**

Date of Clarification: **20 August 2026**

Closing Date for Submission of Bids: **07 September 2026**

1. Bidder's Question:

1.1 We want to request clarification on the solution requirements listed under "PART 2 - Technical Requirements". The solution is required to provide a guest self-registration capability and a sponsor/administrator approval workflow, however, there is an additional component required to meet these 2 points that is not listed under the bill of materials or. Does NIPAM have a deployed FortiAuthenticator in place?

1.1.1 NIPAM's Clarification Response to bidders:

Bidders are not limited to the bill of quantities provided in the bid document if they believe that additional hardware, software, licenses, or components are required to fulfill the complete scope of the Guest Portal implementation.

The initial intent was for the solution to leverage the existing FortiGate 200F firewall environment for guest authentication and portal functionality. As a minimum, the proposed solution should allow a guest user to connect to the guest network, be redirected to a captive portal, enter valid credentials, and obtain Internet access in a secure and controlled manner.

Should a bidder determines that an additional component, such as FortiAuthenticator or an equivalent solution, is necessary, the bidder is welcome to include such components as part of their proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

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