

## Questions and answers

### Strengthening the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights – re-launch

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| QUESTIONS   | ANSWERS  |
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| <p><b>Date: 27th September 2008</b></p> <p>1. <i>With reference to Annex II (Technical specifications), Lot 1, Item 1:</i><br/>You require compatibility with Windows 98, Windows ME and Mac OS 9.2. These are very old operating systems. Could you please confirm that you really require this compatibility (for example to have guaranteed connectivity to old computer still in-use)? Does your requirement mean that tender offer without such compatibility (e.g. Windows 98, Windows ME and Mac OS 9.2) will be rejected (as technically non-conforming)?</p> <p>2. <i>With reference to Annex II (Technical specifications), Lot 1, Items 1:</i><br/>You require "Power Rechargeable" and also "Power Lithium-ion battery". Does it mean that you require one battery OR two batteries (one in camera and one as spare unit)?</p> <p>3. <i>With reference to Annex II (Technical specifications), Lot 2, Item 2:</i><br/>You require "not-shared" VGA. Unfortunately this term is very marking-base and not too much technical-oriented. There are two possible interpretation of this term and the "not-shared memory of VGA" can be very confusing. Please clarify, what of the two following variants is your</p> | <p>1. No, the system does not need to be compatible with more than the latest versions of the Mac and Windows.</p> <p>2. Tenderer is expected to clearly confirm that the said item is powered by energy source which is rechargeable and includes the battery based on Lithium-ion technology. Consequently, tenderer should offer at least one battery compliant with said requirements.</p> <p>3. Option (b).<br/>Please note that your question refers to Lot 2, Item 1.</p> |

requirement:

- (a) The graphical memory is part of physical system memory, is it shared on hardware-level, but at time of booting of operating system, it is pre-allocated (typically 128MB in Windows Vista) and it is not shared with any application, operating system, data etc. - typical marketing tricky wording is "fixed graphical memory" (see Intel). If more graphical memory is needed by application(s) later, required memory is allocated by operating system from sources used also for operating systems itself, applications and data, e.g. this later allocated memory is shared memory. Example of such solution is all VGA integrated into all models of Intel desktop/notebook chipset during last 5 years.
- (b) The graphical memory is really separated from physical system memory; e.g. really not-shared memory. Example of such solution is all graphical cards/chips from ATI or nVidia except very low-end solutions.

Please note, that both solutions are available for current notebooks, but (1) only the second brings problem-less performance and (2) there is no worst (e.g. less performance) solution than the first one (therefore mentioned marketing tricky wording).

4. *With reference to Annex II (Technical specifications), Lot 2, Item 2:*

You require PC Card slot (Type I/II) which is really a little bit old and not used for a modern devices/cards. Is it possible to offer instead of it a notebook with Express Card slot – OR do you really require PC Card slot for compatibility with older and/or current cards which you have in hand (for example GPRS data modems)? Does your requirement mean that tender offer without PC Card slot in notebook will be rejected (as technically non-conforming)?

5. *With reference to Annex II (Technical specifications), Lot 2, Item 2:*

You require Infrared link which is really very old interface and not used in modern devices (for example mobile phones). Is it possible to offer instead of it a notebook with Bluetooth interface – OR do you really require Infrared link interface for compatibility with older device which you have in hand (for example mobile phones)?

4. As Express Card slot can be considered as equivalent to the required PC Card Slot (Type I/II), due to technological progress on the market from the moment of submitting the Technical Specifications, it will be found acceptable. Please note that your question refers to Lot 2, Item 1.

5. As Bluetooth interface can be considered as equivalent to the required Infrared Link (e.g IrDa), due to technological progress on the market from the moment of submitting the Technical Specifications, it will be found acceptable. Please note that your question refers to Lot 2, Item 1.

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Does your requirement mean that tender offer without Infrared link in notebook will be rejected (as technically non-conforming)?

6. *With reference to Annex II (Technical specifications), Lot 2, Item 2:*

Is it possible to offer MS Windows Vista instead of MS Windows XP? Will be a tender offer without MS Windows XP Professional rejected (as technically non-conforming)?

7. *With reference to Annex II (Technical specifications), Lot 1, Item 2:*

You require compatibility with Windows 98, and Windows ME. These are very old operating systems. Could you please confirm that you really require this compatibility (for example to have guaranteed connectivity to old computer still in-use)? Does your requirement mean that tender offer without such compatibility (e.g. Windows 98, and Windows ME) will be rejected (as technically non-conforming)?

6. MS Windows Vista is the successor of MS Windows XP. Due to technological progress on the market from the moment of submitting the Technical Specifications, it will be found acceptable.

Please note that your question refers to Lot 2, Item 1.

7. No, the system does not need to be compatible with more than the latest versions of Windows.

Please note that your question refers to Lot 2, Item 2.

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