

IFIB: IFIB-ACT-SFN-22-49, Provision of 50 Laptops for Deployable CIS Capability

Reference: Q & A # 1

Date of Issue: 20 April 2022

The following questions were raised with respect to subject IFIB. Responses are to provide clarification.

Questions	Responses
<p>1. One of the requirements is to provide the laptops by the 1st of August 2022, with 0 points towards evaluation if delivery is projected beyond this date.</p> <p>This date is not feasible with the current market conditions and requirements combined, explained further below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The laptop delivery time is currently estimated at 2-3 months due to chip shortages and logistical problems due to quarantine regulations in Asia.b. On average 8 weeks are required to modify and test the laptops to Tempest B.c. The IFIB requires the supplier to procure and provide the Eclipt 600 drive.<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. To procure this drive a permit is required from the UK government which can take up to 3 months after submission of correct documentation.ii. This documentation is to be provided by the crypto custodian of NCIA and is known to take several weeks to prepare, and is entirely NCIA's responsibility.d. The deadline for submission is the 18th of May 2022 with 120 days validity which theoretically allows ACO to	<p>Thank you for this information; HQ SACT understands the current market limitations. Please see Amendment #1 under this IFIB on our contracting webpage at www.act.nato.int/contracting</p>

place a purchase order passed the required delivery date in September 2022.	
2. One of the requirements is that the Eclipt drive is removable; please confirm it's enough that the drive is technically removable by the first line help desk. Not user removable	HQ SACT confirms the Eclipt drive needs to be removable by a technician and not by the user.
3. The requested screen size is 14 inch, the Eclipt drive needs to be built into a 2,5 inch SATA drive bay, this bay is less and less available on modern laptops as they become thinner and lighter thanks to the new M.2 technology. As such a 14 inch model cannot be offered that allows for the Eclipt drive to be integrated. Therefore please provide acceptance for a 15 inch model	HQ SACT confirms a 15 inch screen is acceptable.
4. Do we have to physically be present in Portugal for acceptance testing?	No, there is not a requirement for industry to be present during testing.
5. Will we receive some kind of notification if the clarifications have been published?	All Q&A's and solicitation amendments will be posted to our contracting webpage under this IFIB at www.act.nato.int/contracting
6. Please confirm that due to the varied locations of use the equipment, the equipment cannot be TEMPEST Zone certified. Therefore the Laptop Power Lines shall be protected for full SDIP-27 Level B TEMPEST compliance	HQ SACT confirms the laptop to be within full compliance of Tempest Level B (SDIP-27) protection as this asset will be in various locations.
7. In regards to the laptop appearance at Annex A, section 1 – is it acceptable for the units to be mostly BLACK with a SILVER screen back?	HQ SACT confirms this is acceptable as long as it does not impact the performance of the screen.
8. In regards to the laptop CPU performance at Annex A, section 1 – is it acceptable to exceed the stated CPU performance?	HQ SACT confirms that it is acceptable to exceed the stated CPU performance as long as there is no impact to the performance of the laptop and does not introduce further costs.