

**BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE  
BID BULLETIN No. 2**

**Procurement of Laptops, Desktops and Peripherals  
PGC-BAC-2023-007G**

This is to inform all prospective bidders of the following clarifications and amendments in the Bidding Documents:

**QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS:**

**I. ON TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**1. Format**

**Q: May the bidders add another column where supporting documents will be indicated?**

**A:** There is no need for the bidder to add another column. The bidder may simply indicate the page number for the proof or evidence under the Statement of Compliance column.

**2. Qualification of the Bidders: “Prospective bidder/s should be duly authorized by the manufacturer/distributor to provide, sell, configure and support the laptops”.**

**Q: Can PHILGUARANTEE omit the underlined word “configure” as only the manufacturer can configure the laptops?**

**A:** We **cannot omit the word configure**, as laptops should be configurable even at user level.

**3. Accessories for Peripherals**

**Q: Do bidders need to submit a certificate from the manufacturer?**

**A:** Yes, for items 1 to 5 of the project deliverables.

**4. Item 1 – Specifications for Executive Laptops**

**a) Item 1.7 – Ports: (1) USB 3.2 Gen 1 Port with PowerShare**

**a.1 Q: Could PHILGUARANTEE reconsider removing the requirement on PowerShare because “PowerShare” is being used by a particular brand.**

**A:** Please refer to NPM No. 126-2017, to wit:

*“Thus, as a rule, specifications for the procurement of goods shall be based on relevant characteristics and/or performance requirements. Reference to brand names, including tailor fitting, is not allowed. But where necessary to maintain the performance, functionality and useful life of the equipment, reference to brand names relative to the existing fleet or equipment is allowed.”*

PowerShare does not pertain to just one brand, however, **it can be re-written as requested and read as the dictionary words “power share” on items:**

<b>1.7</b>	<b>Ports</b>	(1)- RJ – 45 (2) Thunderbolt 4 port PowerDelivery and DisplayPort/ (1) USB Type-C <u>power share</u> power input (1) USB 3.2 Gen 1 port with (1) USB 3.2 Gen 1 port (1) HDMI 2.0 port
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<b>2.1.7</b>	<b>Ports</b>	(1)- RJ - 45 (1) USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-C port with Power Delivery and DisplayPort Alt mode/ (1) DC- in port/USB-C port (1) USB 3.2 Gen 1 port with <u>power share</u> (2) USB 3.2 Gen 1 port (1) HDMI 1.4 port
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<b>2.2.7</b>	<b>Ports</b>	(1)- RJ – 45 (2) Type-C port with Power Delivery and DisplayPort Alt mode / (1) DC-in port/USB-C port (1) USB 3.2 Gen 1 port with <u>power share</u> (1) USB 3.2 Gen 1 port (1) HDMI 1.4 port
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**a.2 Q: Does PowerShare refer to “always on”?**

**A:** Power share refers to the fact that it can be shared to an external device, like an external monitor. What we mean is that the external monitor will get power from the laptop.

**b) Item 1.8 – Display: Fingerprint Reader**

**Q: Could PHILGUARANTEE omit this requirement because this is a feature not part of the display specification.**

**A: Yes.**

<b>1.8</b>	<b>Display</b>	At least 15.6” FHD (1920x1080) Anti-Glare, 16x9, Touch, IPS, 250 nits
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**c) Item 1.9 – Camera: Widescreen HD (720p) webcam**

**Q: What PHILGUARANTEE means on the underlined word “widescreen”? Does PHILGUARANTEE consider 60 degrees viewing angle?**

**A:** The description Widescreen can be found on almost any webcam. The viewing angle not being specified makes it generic as long as it is HD 720p.

**d) Item 1.12 – Weight: Les than 1.65 kilograms**

**Q: Could PHILGUARANTEE consider at least 1.7 kilograms or 2 kilograms maximum?**

**A:** We can adjust it to 1.7 kilograms maximum.

**e) Item 1.15 – Warranty: “Coverage Accidental Damage for broken LCDs due to drops, falls and other collision during warranty period, water spills, electric surge coverage during warranty period”.**

**Q: Did PHILGUARANTEE consider that this requirement entails cost?**

**A:** Yes, based on experiences with previous suppliers.

5. Item 2.1 Specifications for Productivity laptops (Portable Workstation)

**Q: Does Portable Workstation mean that the offered model must be ISV certified? Or does PHILGUARANTEE consider a commercial grade laptop only?**

**A:** Independent Software Vendor (ISV) Certified is not a requirement for Item 2.1 but is a requirement under item 2.2 Specifications for Productivity Laptops (High Computing), Section 2.2.14:

<b>2.2.14</b>	<b>Others</b>	Must be ISV Certified
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- a) Item 2.1.7 – Ports: (1) USB 3.2 Gen 2 Type-C port - Power Delivery and DisplayPort Alt mode (1) USB 3.2 Gen 1 port; with PowerShare (2) USB 3.2 Gen 1 port

**Q: Can PHILGUARANTEE consider the following:**

- Requesting equivalent terminologies of the underlined word as brand has their own terminologies.
- Can PHILGUARANTEE consider both options offer of our USB ports as:

2x Thunderbolt 4  
1x USB 3.2 Gen 1  
1x USB 3.2 Gen 1 (Always on)

Or this:

1x Thunderbolt 4  
1x USB 3.2 Gen 1  
1x USB 3.2 Gen 1 (Always on)  
1x USB-C 3.2 Gen 2?

**More important is that we comply the number of USB ports combination of USB Type-A & USB Type-C/Thunderbolt. Or if not, can PHILGUARANTEE accept adapter to comply with these requirements?**

- A.** The number of USB ports as well as the type and HDMI is the minimum. Please refer to “Deviation from Requirements” section of PBD for your reference.

Please also refer to the *Answer* on item I. 4. a. above.

PHILGUARANTEE cannot accept adapter.

- b) Item 2.1.8 – Display: At least 15.6” 16:9 HD (1366 x 768), TN, Non-Touch, Anti-Glare, 220 nits

**Q: Can PHILGUARANTEE consider an IPS type instead of TN type display?**

**A.** If IPS is better than TN, please refer to “Deviation from Requirements” section of PBD for your reference.

6. Item 2.2 Specifications for Productivity laptops (High Computing):

- a) Item 2.2.7 – Ports: (2) Type-C port with Power Delivery and DisplayPort Alt mode / (1) USB 3.2 Gen 1 port with PowerShare

**Q: Requesting equivalent terminologies of the underlined word as brand has their own terminologies. Also, can PHILGUARANTEE consider thunderbolt 4 instead of Type-C.**

**A.** Please also refer to the *Answer* on item I. 4. a. above.

If thunderbolt is better than Type-C, please refer to “Deviation from Requirements” section of PBD for your reference.

7. Item 3 - Specifications for Desktop

- a) Item 3.5 – Hard Drive: M.2 2230 512GB PCIe NVMe Class 35

**Q: Can PHILGUARANTEE make the specification generic as 512GB M.2 PCIe NVMe, not indicating the underlined word as this is tailor fitting?**

**A.** 2230 is 22mm in width and 30mm length. If bigger sizes can fit, we can forego or relax the requirement.

- b) Item 3.6 – Ports:

Front:

- 2 USB 2.0 ports
- 2 USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports

Rear:

- 2 USB 3.2 Gen 1 ports
- 2 USB 2.0 ports with Smart Power On
- 1 DisplayPort 1.4a port (HBR2)

**Q: Can PHILGUARANTEE consider also other USB ports to make it generic & competitive to all brands?**

**Front:**

**1x USB-C 3.2 Gen 1  
2x USB 3.2 Gen 1**

**Rear:**

**4x USB 2.0  
2x USB 3.2 Gen 1**

**More important is we comply the number of ports required regardless if this is at front or rear. Can PHILGUARANTEE omit the underlined word?**

**A.** The total number of ports, front and rear, is a must, regardless of how it is placed or positioned.

The number of units being procured means the laptops and desktops are not off-the-shelf but are commercial grade laptops and desktops. Commercial grades are only manufactured upon issuance of Purchase Order. Commercial grades are synonymous with "made to order".

**8. Item 5 – Specifications for Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse**

**a) Item 5.2 – Screen: TFT**

**Q: Can PHILGUARANTEE consider IPS instead of TFT as this is better features & specs?**

**A.** Please refer to "Deviation from Requirements" section of PBD for your reference.

**9. Item 6 – Specifications for Laptop Security Cable Lock**

**a) Item 6.2 – Diameter: At least 6 feet**

**Q: Can PHILGUARANTEE relax it to at least 5 feet to make it generic to all brands and bidders?**

**A.** PHILGUARANTEE cannot relax it as requested because 5 feet is too short.

**b) Item 6.4 – Engagement Type: Kensington T-Bar**

**Q: Can PHILGUARANTEE consider if this will make it any engagement type as long as it is compatible on the laptop offered? Our Offered lock cable is same brand with the laptop thus, rest assured that this is compatible.**

**A:** The Security Cable Lock being required has to be of type Kensington T-Bar, as these engagement type will not only be used for what is being procured but will be used with the existing laptops as well.

10. Item 7 - Type C to Display Port Adapter (7.2 - USB Type)

**Q: Can PHILGUARANTEE consider meeting the USB 3.12 version because, for adaptors, not all brands specify their version that can be adapted by the USB?**

**A:** Yes, since PHILGUARANTEE will still do the testing and it is just an accessory. PHILGUARANTEE can omit the version number as long as it is Type C and it is able to project the required resolution.

11. Additional Requirements for Laptops & Desktops:

a)

2. The Laptop and Desktop brand should be in the top three (3) in International Data Corporation (IDC) for the last 2 years.

**Q: Can PHILGUARANTEE make it top 5?**

**A:** PHILGUARANTEE maintains this requirement based on experience, support and studies made as published.

b)

- 5. With built-in artificial intelligence that allows the user to predefine applications for faster performance
- 6. With built-in artificial intelligence that allows the machine to automatically improve battery runtime
- 7. With built-in artificial intelligence that allows enhancement of the audio to adjust to different environments by adjusting loudness, noise level, equalization and echo elimination to improve sound quality.

**Q: As per Lenovo, can they install an application for this requirement? Because requirement number 5-7 can be seen on their Lenovo Vantage app.**

**A:** The phrase “built-in artificial intelligence” means that it was factory installed. It may be hardware, firmware, or software.

12. Warranty and Support - Item 4: “Quality assurance is expected from the principal.”

a) **Q: Could PHILGUARANTEE revise it to “principal or bidders”?**

**A:** This requirement “Quality assurance is expected from the principal” will be retained. The prospective bidders must ask the principal or brand for a certification of warranty that states that the principal will comply with this requirement.

**b) Q: Would the proof of compliance be the warranty certification from the principal?**

**A:** Yes.

## **II. ON THE BID DATA SHEET**

ITB Clause 5.3 - For this purpose, contracts similar to the requirement shall be:  
a. Supply and delivery of laptops, desktops and Peripherals.

**Q: Could PHILGUARANTEE consider if the SLCC is desktop or laptop only, or desktop and laptop? More important is it is 50% of the ABC within three (3) years.**


**A:** The SLCC criterion is required in order to ensure that the government is contracting with an entity that has accomplished at least one project with a value no less than fifty percent (50%) of the contract to be bid.

Could be any, or a combination of:

1. Desktop Only;
2. Laptop Only;
3. Desktop and Laptop.

## **III. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT ON SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT (SCC):**

<b>GCC Clause</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b><i>In compliance with Executive Order No. 398 s. 2005, the winning bidder shall pay all taxes in full and on time and failure to do so will entitle the PHILGUARANTEE to suspend payment for any goods or services delivered by the winning bidder to the PHILGUARANTEE.</i></b>



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