

December 20, 2023

"Nimbus Project"

Re: Central Tender 01-2022 for the Addition of Services to the Government Digital Marketplace Opening Additional Categories – Accompanying Document and Instructions

1. In January 2020, the Government of Israel launched the "Nimbus Project," a cross-government project intended to provide a comprehensive framework for the provision of public cloud services to the Government of Israel (further information about the project is available at the following link: [/https://govextra.gov.il/nimbus-mr-gov-il](https://govextra.gov.il/nimbus-mr-gov-il)).
2. On June 16, 2022, the Government Procurement Administration (GPA) published Central Tender 01-2022 for the Addition of Services to the Government Digital Marketplace (hereinafter: the "**Tender**"). The purpose of the Tender is to make cloud services offered by various vendors (ISVs – Independent Software Vendor) in the marketplace of the government's chosen cloud providers, AWS and Google (hereinafter – the "**Cloud Providers**"), accessible, so that they will be available for purchase by government ministries and additional government units in the government digital marketplaces that will be established on the basis of the marketplace of each of the Cloud Providers. This Tender constitutes tier 5 of the project.
3. The Tender is designed to be reopened periodically in different service categories in the marketplace of the Cloud Providers, to enable a wide range of services to be offered to the government in the government digital marketplace. Thus far, two rounds of the Tender have been completed, and more than 100 different services were approved for the government digital cloud marketplace.
4. We are now publishing the Tender again (hereinafter: "**third publication**"). This publication includes categories and fields that were opened for submission in the Tender's previous publications, as well as new categories and fields, all as set out in section 2.3 of Booklet No. 2 of the tender documents: "Chapter 2 – The Bid Booklet."
5. In the third publication, updates have been made to all the tender documents. For ease of reference, the updated tender documents have been published on the tender page both in a copy with track changes and in a 'clean' copy. **Care should be taken at all times to use only the updated tender documents.** All the documents can be viewed on the dedicated page opened for the third publication on the website of the Government Procurement Administration (hereinafter: the "**Tender Site**") at the link: <https://mr.gov.il/ilgstorefront/en/p/4000580581>.
6. The original version of the tender documents, including the Tender Administrator's answers to clarification questions and comments that were received in the first publication, can be viewed at the following link: <https://mr.gov.il/ilgstorefront/en/p/4000553566>.

7. The Tender Administrator considers it highly important to complete the evaluation process of the bids within the shortest possible time. Therefore, when determining the order of evaluation of the bids that were received, the Tender Administrator will give first preference to bids that have been submitted in a clear and orderly manner and that are complete or missing only a few particulars.
8. Bidder conference
 - 8.1 As stated in section 1.5.2 of the tender documents, in this release two bidders' conferences will be held, one in Hebrew and the other in English.
 - 8.2 The bidders' conferences will take place as a webinar, on **January 18, 2024**, at the following times:
 - 8.2.1 The **Hebrew** conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. (Israel Standard Time) – [link for registration](#).
 - 8.2.2 The **English** conference will be held at 6:00 p.m. (Israel Standard Time) – [link for registration](#).
 - 8.3 Bidders must register in advance for the bidders' conference via the above links. Attendance is not mandatory.
9. Clarification questions:
 - 9.1 Clarification questions and comments on the tender documents may be submitted until **February 6, 2024**.
 - 9.2 **Each bidder may submit a maximum of ten clarification questions and comments.**
 - 9.3 The questions and comments can be submitted in Hebrew or in English.
 - 9.4 Clarification questions and comments must be submitted in an Excel file, in the format published on the Tender Site, to the following email address: nimbus5@mof.gov.il, within the deadline specified above for the submission of clarification questions and comments.
10. A bid submission guide for the Tender is attached as **Appendix 1** to this document.

Respectfully,

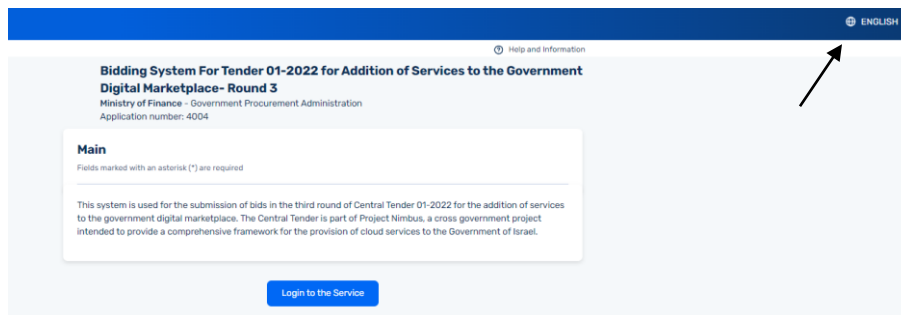
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Appendix 1 – Bids submission guide

1. Bids for the Tender are to be submitted through an online bidding system, using the following link: <https://govforms.gov.il/mw/forms/Bidding3@mof.gov.il>.
2. The System interface is available in the **Hebrew** and **English** Languages. It is possible to choose the language as detailed below:



3. The following are instructions regarding how to submit bids:
 - ❖ The bid booklet (Chapter 2 of the Tender documents) and its appendices will be submitted in accordance with the guidelines detailed in the Tender documents.
 - ❖ Bids must be submitted by the Closing date as stated in the Tender documents. **Bids submitted after the closing date, will not be accepted for evaluation.**
 - ❖ The bidder shall have the sole responsibility to submit the bid before the closing date. The bidder must take into account that near the closing date, there may be an increased traffic volume on the submission system or other technical difficulties that will prevent the bidder from submitting its bid. The bidder must prepare for this, and submit his bid in advance. It is recommended to submit the bids at least 24 hours before the closing date. The bidder will have no claim towards the Tender Administrator regarding a malfunction discovered in the bidding system near the closing date, even if as a result he was unable to submit its bid.
 - ❖ It shall be clarified, that to the extent that several bids are submitted by the same bidder (in respect to the same service), the bid submitted **last** will be the only one reviewed.
 - ❖ The permitted file types that can be uploaded to the system are Excel, Word and PDF. Note that macros, links, etc. within the file will not be saved.
 - ❖ The **total** size of all files together should not exceed 60MB, and the size of every single file shall not exceed 10MB. Make sure that the files you upload to the system

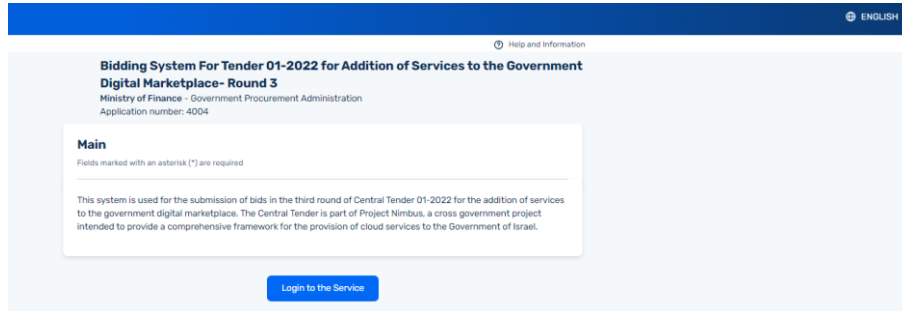


do not exceed the set size limit (it is recommended to reduce the file size as much as possible before uploading the files).

- ❖ Technical assistance is available Sunday-Thursday between the hours: 8:00-19:00 (Israel Standard Time). You can contact the technical assistance center by phone: 1299 (telephone number for international calls: +972-86863100) or by email: 1299@mail.gov.il.

General Guidelines regarding Bids Submission

1. **Choosing the tender** – when entering the system, you must make sure you are on the correct tender page – The tender name is: Central Tender 01-2022 for the Addition of Services to the Government Cloud Marketplace – Round 3.



2. **Filling in the Details** – be sure to fill in all the required details in the "Bidder Details" panel, as detailed below:

Submission of bid
Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required

Tender 01-2022 for the Addition of Services to the Government's Cloud Marketplace - Round 3

Name of Bidder *

Details of an authorized representative on behalf of the bidder

First Name *	Last Name *	Phone Number *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Job Title *	E-mail *	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

3. **Marking if the bid is a replacing bid** – Mark if the submitted bid is a new bid or if it is replacing a previous bid:

Submitting a replacing bid
Please check one of the options below: *

This is a new bid (the services included in this bid were not included in any other bid that was submitted by in this round)

This bid is replacing a previous bid that was submitted by us in this round (In such case, the previous bid will be removed)

4. **File upload** – after completing filling in all the details, the files must be uploaded to the system. Please note the instructions given above regarding the maximum file size (the size of a single file and the total size of all the files included in your proposal) and regarding the types of files that can be submitted:

Attach bid files


Instruction for attaching files

1. To attach a file, click on the "Attach a File" field.
2. The maximum size of all files uploaded (combined) is 60MB.
3. You may only upload Word, PDF or Excel file formats.
4. Password protected files (Encrypted) are not allowed.
5. Files with signed extension are not allowed.
6. Do not upload compressed files.

Response to the proposal booklet for all its appendices - PDF *

Attach A File 

Response to the proposal booklet for all its appendices - word *

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Additional Files (If any)

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5. **Signature** – after finishing uploading all the files, the bidder's statement including signature is required:

Bidder's statement

Please note that

you are submitting a bid for Tender 01-2022 for the Addition of Services to the Government's Cloud Marketplace - Round 3. Before confirming and submitting the bid, make sure that you submit a bid for the right procedure. **The Deadline for submitting bids is 26/03/2024 at 13:00.**

by Submitting this offer, it is declared that:

- a. The bidder has read all the provisions of the tender, and accepts all the clauses of the tender and will act in accordance to them. The bidder will be prevented and silenced from raising any claim against the terms and conditions of the tender from the moment of submission of this bid.
- b. The details that appear in this bid and its appendices are correct and the bidder is able and intends to keep and fulfill every detail of the bid and all the terms and conditions of the tender.

Last name - Submitter of the bid *

First name - Submitter of the bid *

Signature

You can sign in one of the following ways:

1. In the signature field using a mouse, graphic pen, or touch screen on mobile devices.
2. Sign on a piece of paper, scan or photo it and upload it.

Signature

Sign by hand

Scanned signature

Manual signature field *

 Delete



6. **Form submission** – after clicking the "send" button, do not refresh the browser and do not exit the page. Otherwise, the process will be canceled and you will have to redo the entire bidding process from the beginning.
7. **Submission confirmation** – Once the bidding process is complete, you will receive the following message (including a reference number):



The form has been successfully
sent

Application number: 4004

View form

Download

Print

How was your experience using this
service?



** Please note that after submitting the bid in the system, a reference number will appear and a confirmation email will be sent to the bidder's email address (as filled by the bidder during the submission process). **If no reference number was received the bid was not submitted properly.**

** At any stage and even after submission, you can print or save a PDF of all the information submitted in the bid submission form.

** It will be clarified that the bid cannot be retrieved. If the bidder wishes to change or amend its bid, he must resubmit its bid and **that bid will replace the previous one.**

Good Luck!