

CLARIFICATION NOTE #1

Procurement procedure: GSA/OP/11/15 – “IT Hardware Acquisition Channel for GSA”

Question #1: The Contracting Authority requires under “Ultra-light laptop with docking station and accessories”, therein later only "laptop" 6-cell battery with a battery life of at least three hours.

6-cell battery design is one of the technical available designs, as well as 3-cell design and others which are able to deliver performance requested by The Contracting Authority. 3-cell design is currently used as design at many laptops, especially quite often chosen for ultrathin designs as of 3-cell space design advantages.

Would Contracting Authority accept fulfilment of parameter described higher with batteries of other designs than 6-cells, e.g. higher mentioned 3-cell while all other parameters will be kept at values defined by RFP, namely the required battery life at least three hours runtime?

Answer: Other solutions than a 6 battery design can be accepted as long as the minimum battery life of 3 hours requirement is fulfilled.

Question #2: The Contracting Authority requires under “Ultra-light laptop with docking station and accessories”, therein later only "laptop" DVD +/- RW drive of internal (built-in) type.

Since whole market is heading towards the ultrathin laptop design with typical 20mm thickness maximum, applicant has no information that there is an ultrathin design laptop with internal DVD+/- RW optical drive built-in and compatible with regular docking station accessory available as of size and weight limitation of the ultrathin laptop chassis design. With all mentioned options built-in, physical parameters would not be met, namely the weights of maximum 2kg for 13” inches screen – the ultrathin design will be sacrificed as of the thickens and weight.

Would the Contracting Authority accept fulfillment of parameter with an external USB connected optical disc drive with requested feature set (DVD+/-RW) when others parameters, physical size of 13” screen and weights of 2kg maximum will be met as required?

Answer: Solution with an external USB optical disk drive will not be considered to fulfill requirements set in Tender Specifications, therefore cannot be accepted. GSA is aware of ultrathin laptops and current trends; however ultrathin laptops without the parts described in the Tender Specifications do not meet GSA needs.

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