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Invitation for Bid
GSA-071-25
Network Switches

Questions and Concerns received from Data Management Resources, LLC on September 9, 2025.

1. Per the site visit today, September 9, 2025, at 9:30AM, OTECH confirmed the link between hosts, campus, and Top of Rack switches in their current environment is 10G. OTECH further confirmed that their vSAN hosts have 10G NIC cards installed. Industry adoption of 50G has been limited, with most manufacturers, apart from a few OEMs such as Arista, standardizing on 25G and 100G. While the chipset in our proposed switch platform is technically capable of 50G, the feature has not been qualified or certified by the manufacturer due to the lack of market demand. Given that the government's current environment is standardized to 10G, with no identified immediate need for 50G connectivity, and that the IFB only requests for 1G, 10G and 25G optics, will DPHSS accept a Top of Rack switch for Item 1.0 that officially supports speeds such as 1G, 10G, 25G, 40G, and 100G? This range of supported speeds will still provide the agency with sufficient overhead for future growth.

Response: Bidder shall ensure that all MAX port specifications are met. Bidder may provide breakout cables as an alternate solution to meet MAX port requirements. Breakout cables shall meet all other specifications.

2. We respectfully request the deadline for bid submission be extended by one week to September 26, 2025.

Response: See Amendment #4.

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