

## The New Development Bank

### Request for Proposal

(This is not a Purchase Order)

#### 1. Introduction

**The New Development Bank (NDB)** is issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to invite qualified suppliers to provide proposals to NDB's S-IT-2025-02025 F5 BIGIP VE (LTM+GTM) Initiative and Migration Y2025-26 for IT Security project. Please refer to the following information and attachment for detailed requirements.

NDB invites those interested and qualified companies to register with NDB's e-procurement system to be our **registered suppliers** and participate in the bidding process (**please be advised the contact information provided in registration, especially email address, must be correct as all communications regarding the bid, including RFP distribution and award notice, will be sent through it**). NDB will choose the most suitable one(s) from the shortlisted suppliers. NDB at its sole discretion reserves the right to reject all proposals in accordance with its internal policy and guidelines.

#### 2. RFP Schedule

Please be advised the following activities could take place in the RFP process. NDB will inform the specific arrangements in advance and the suppliers are requested to respond in a timely manner.

| Activity                       | Date          |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Distribution of RFP            | June 17, 2025 |
| Deadline for Questions         | June 24, 2025 |
| Proposal Response Due          | July 8, 2025  |
| Presentation and Demonstration | TBD           |
| Signing Contract               | TBD           |
| Project Kick Off               | TBD           |

*\*The RFP Schedule is for reference only and NDB has its sole discretion to adjust as per the project's needs.*

#### 3. Instruction to bidders

##### 3.1 Contact Information

Please use the following contact information for all correspondence with NDB concerning this RFP.

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### 3.2 Submission of Proposals (Introduction to use of NDB's e-procurement system)

Proposals shall be prepared in English. Electronic version is obligatory and shall be uploaded in NDB's e-procurement system.

For submission of proposal, the qualified suppliers should register with NDB's e-procurement system to be **NDB registered suppliers** (subject to NDB's internal approval) in advance. All registration information shall be in English except for uploads of scanned or copied documents originally produced in other languages. Then registered suppliers need to **ENROLL** in the procurement notice (for open competitive bidding) or **ACCEPT** the invitation (for limited competitive bidding) before submitting proposal online according to the timeline: <https://www.ndb.int/procurement-opportunities/corporate-procurement/>

The deadline, due time, closing date, among others, referred to herein means Beijing time; and NDB's business time is from 9:00AM to 5:15PM in working days.

### 3.3 Questions

Please submit questions in writing by e-mail. Suppliers are advised to refer to the specific paragraph and page number in RFP and should quote the corresponding passage. NDB will be prompt in responding to the questions. All questions will be responded to as a group and sent to all suppliers. NDB will not provide feedback to questions raised beyond deadline.

### 3.4 Ownership of Materials

All materials submitted in response to this RFP become the property of NDB. Proposals and supporting materials will not be returned to suppliers.

### 3.5 Proposal Costs

NDB is not responsible for any costs incurred by the supplier in the preparation of the proposal or the site visit.

### 3.6 Proposal Format (if applicable)

NDB recommends that the proposal should contain **three** parts as follows. **The supplier may choose another proposal format as long as it suits the purpose.**

- Volume 1 – Information on the supplier. The supplier is required to provide the basic information in the attached table (attachment 2). Please fill out the table as complete as possible. More information will help us in evaluation.
- Volume 2 – Main Proposal

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|-----------|----------------------------|
| Section 2 | Functional Section         |
| Section 3 | Technical Section          |
| Section 4 | Project Management Section |
| Section 5 | Support Section            |

- Volume 3 – Price Proposal – Should be in a separate document even though it is an integral part of the proposal. The currency is **USD**; if quoted in other currencies, the exchange rate should be clearly defined. **The price shall be inclusive of applicable taxes (if not, please specify)**; other charges shall also be clearly defined.

### **3.7 Validity Period**

The proposal, including pricing quotation, shall be valid at least for 120 days.

### **3.8 RFP Amendments**

New Development Bank reserves the right to amend this RFP any time prior to the closing date. Amendments will be issued only to suppliers who are going to complete a proposal.

### **3.9 Sub-contractor**

NDB expects to negotiate and sign contract with one winning supplier. NDB will accept only complete solutions from a primary supplier and will not accept any incomplete proposals that are only cover part of the RFP. The prime supplier will be responsible for the management of all subcontractors. NDB will not accept any invoices from subcontractors or become part of any negotiations between a prime supplier and a subcontractor. If there is any sub-contractor involved or engaged by the supplier, it shall be clearly stated in the proposal.

### **3.10 Award Notification**

NDB will negotiate with all shortlisted suppliers before deciding the winning supplier. NDB reserves the right to negotiate further with the winning supplier before or in the contracting process. The award notification is sent to the winner online in the e-procurement system. NDB is not obliged to notify the bid outcome to unsuccessful suppliers.

## **4. Evaluation Criteria**

The proposals will be reviewed and evaluated by NDB's team in accordance with the related policy and guidelines, especially the six principles (Economy, Efficiency, Competition, Transparency, Value for Money, Fit for Purpose) contained in NDB's corporate procurement policy. NDB is interested in obtaining a complete solution to the requirements contained in this RFP. Proposals that meet the proposal instructions and requirements will be given a thorough and objective review. Proposals that are late, or do not comply with proposal instructions, or take exceptions to mandatory requirements will be excluded. The following are the key factors that would be taken into consideration for evaluating the proposals.

#### **i. Technical Approach and Methodology or Software Solution**

Primary consideration will be given to the mandatory requirements as listed in this RFP.

The following are the main factors in the evaluation.

1. Meeting the requirements as stated in this RFP;
2. Understanding of the work to be performed;
3. Technical approach and methodology to accomplish the work;
4. Completeness and competence in addressing the scope of work.

#### **ii. Project Management**

NDB also believes that effective project management is essential for a successful implementation.

Suppliers will be evaluated on the completeness and responsiveness of their project management plans and the project team assigned.

As part of the project management plan, suppliers must demonstrate adequate experiences in developing and implementing the requested project. NDB's confidence in the suppliers' ability to meet deadlines and successfully manage similar projects will be a primary consideration.

Special consideration is given to suppliers who propose a detailed project plan with sufficient breakdown of tasks and steps to demonstrate a complete understanding of the project.

#### **iii. Pricing**

NDB will consider pricing as part of the evaluation criteria. **Lowest price is not essential to win.** However, large pricing differentials between suppliers will be carefully examined. Price will be used as a final indicator for determining the supplier finalists when all other criteria have been normalized.

#### **iv. Presentation and Demonstration**

The performances and results of Presentation and Demonstration will be evaluation factors.

#### **v. Support and Maintenance**

NDB believes the ability to perform timely support is also an important factor for the success of this project. Therefore, suppliers should provide adequate information to demonstrate their capabilities to fulfill this task.

### **5. Contract**

The participants shall review the service agreement template provided by NDB in advance. The use of NDB's version of service agreement is preferable. NDB Template for Service Agreement and NDB General Terms and Conditions for Procurement Contracts can be found on the NDB's official website:

<https://www.ndb.int/procurement-opportunities/corporate-procurement/>

Please note that, being an international institution, NDB enjoys privileges and immunities as per the Articles of Agreement ([Agreement on the New Development Bank](#)) and disputes will be resolved by a reputable international arbitration center. The preferable forum is Shanghai International Arbitration Center ("SHIAC") or any alternative forum in a neutral jurisdiction.

**Attachment 1:**

**NDB Information Technology  
F5 BIGIP VE(LTM+GTM) Initiative and Migration  
Specification**

## Executive Summary

### **Project Description**

By deploying new version F5 BIG-IP VE18 helps migrating services off the end-of-life F5 infrastructure reduces the significant risks, such as lack of support and potential security vulnerabilities, which could lead to service outages.

Migrating to a modern, supported F5 BIG-IP VE18 platform is expected to provide a more stable and reliable environment for the existing critical services.

The new version of F5 BIG-IP VE18 can offer improved performance and unlock new features and functionalities that were not available or optimally utilized on the older platform.

objectives of this Project, which may include:

1. Procure the required F5 BIG-IP VE18 (LTM+GTM) version 18, licenses and support entitlements.
2. Review and refine the existing F5 architecture.
3. Plan and execute the deployment of F5 BIG-IP VE18 instances in NDB Alibaba cloud environments based on the refined architecture.
4. Plan and execute the migration of existing services from the end-of-life F5 infrastructure to the new F5 BIG-IP VE18 platform
5. Configure and integrate F5 BIG-IP modules (LTM+GTM) based on defined use cases.
6. Validate the functionality, performance, and security posture of the deployed solutions.
7. Establish operational procedures and documentation.

## Functions and Features

### Functional Requirements

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#### FR1. General requirements for the solution provider team

Deliver the F5 license and deployment in the NDB environment.

| Product             | Description  | Quantity |
|---------------------|--|----------|
| F5-BIG-VE-BR-1G-V18 | BIGIP VIRTUAL EDITION: BETTER BUNDLE 1 GBPS (V12.1.X V18.X)  | 3        |
| F5-SVC-BIG-VE+STD3A | BIG-IP Service: Standard Virtual Edition Level 3 (7% of List)(APAC Only)(VE+ Only) (Service Length 12 Months). | 3        |

Deliver the service in NDB environment

| Service                          | Description   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Architecture enhancement service | Review and enhance the F5 architecture on Alibaba Cloud                                     |
| Deployment service               | Deploy the new version of F5 with the enhanced F5 architecture.                             |
| Migration service                | Migrate the existing services from the end-of-life F5 infrastructure to the new F5 platform |
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## Non-Functional Requirements

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| NF1. Location |
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| <b>Details</b> Service resource to work with the NDB HQ staff. |
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| NF2. Language |
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| <b>Details</b> English is mandatory as the medium of communication and documentation |
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| NF3. Product lifecycle |
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| <b>Details</b> The delivered product must have at least 7-year lifecycle |
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**Attachment 2:**

| Information Category  | Description  | Supplier's inputs |
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| General Information   | Legal Entity Name  |                   |
|                       | Legal Address  |                   |
|                       | Website  |                   |
|                       | Government Registration Number                                       |                   |
|                       | Date of Registration   |                   |
|                       | Tax ID   |                   |
|                       | Name(s) of Authorized Signatory                                      |                   |
|                       | Contact Information (name, title, mail address and telephone number) |                   |
|                       | Amount of Employee   |                   |
|                       | Three reference customers (minimum)                                  |                   |
| Financial Information | Registered capital   |                   |
|                       | Revenue of last 3 years  |                   |
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| Other Information     | Information Security Credentials if any                              |                   |
|                       | Data residency location, for providing service required in the RFP   |                   |
|                       | IDD/ AML Sanctions, Yes or No. If yes, please specify.               |                   |
|                       | Others deemed necessary  |                   |