

Government of Bermuda

Ministry of Home Affairs

Information and Digital Technologies

Addenda

For

VSPHERE Licenses

Procurement No.: **BDA-HA-IDT-WINTEL-RFQ-2026-11**

Issued: **Friday October 30, 2026**

Submission Deadline: **Wednesday November 18, 2026 05:00:00 PM Bermuda local time**

The following addendum supersedes information contained in the solicitation document issued for this procurement to the extent referenced. This Addendum forms part of the solicitation documents and will be subject to all of the conditions set out in the contract conditions.

Supplemental Information

1.4.1 Key Dates

Issue Date of RFQ	Friday October 30, 2026
No Pre-Bid / Site Meeting	N/A
Deadline for Questions	Friday November 06, 2026
Deadline for Issuing Addenda	Tuesday November 10, 2026
Submission Deadline	Wednesday November 18, 2026 05:00:00 PM
Rectification Period	5 business days
Anticipated Execution of Agreement	Tuesday November 24, 2026

Question 1:	Annex B lists 560 each of SKU VCF-VSP-FND-1Y. Please confirm the licensing metric for 'each' (for example per core), the required total quantity, and any applicable minimum/core commitments. We understand the reference to approximately 500 servers describes the environment, rather than the quoted licence quantity.
Answer 1:	The Government requires 560 physical CPU core licences under SKU VCF-VSP-FND-1Y for a one-year subscription. The reference to approximately 500 servers represents the wider Government server environment and does not reflect the number of licences required. Vendors must provide pricing for the specified 560 cores, inclusive of any applicable Broadcom minimum-core licensing requirements.

Question 2:	Please confirm the renewal start/end dates, any co-termination requirements, and how the successful authorized partner may securely obtain the existing subscription/entitlement details needed for an accurate renewal quotation.
Answer 2:	The Government's existing VMware subscription expired on November 16, 2026. The Government is seeking to maintain continuity of licensing and support through the renewal process. The successful bidder will be required to coordinate with the service provider to confirm the subscription commencement and expiration dates, including any applicable co-termination requirements. Existing subscription and entitlement information will be provided securely to authorized bidders where necessary to facilitate accurate quotations.

Question 3:	Please confirm whether a Broadcom authorization letter for the prime bidder to resell in Bermuda, supported by an authorized distributor's supply arrangement, satisfies MTR1, and the required letter wording.
Answer 3:	According to RFQ Appendix D section 5.1, Proponents must provide evidence of current authorization to resell the proposed VMWARE vSphere in Bermuda.

Question 4:	Annex A uses an hourly-services agreement template. Please confirm how its fee/scope provisions should be completed for this fixed-price annual software subscription and whether a subscription-specific form will be issued.

Answer 4:	Annex A Form of Agreement is draft document. Pricing responses should be completed on Annex B which is the Pricing Form. The procurement is for a fixed-price, one-year VMware vSphere software subscription and does not involve hourly professional services. The agreement will reflect the applicable subscription terms, including the licensing period, total annual cost, support entitlements and payment conditions. Any provisions relating specifically to hourly professional services will not apply to this procurement.

Question 5:	The questions deadline is stated as 6 November without a time. Please confirm the local cut-off time for questions.
Answer 5:	The deadline for submitting clarification questions was Friday, November 6, 2026 11:59 PM. All questions received by the published deadline have been considered, and responses are being provided through this addendum to ensure all bidders receive the same information.

Question 6:	Relevant experience (Appendix D, C5.5 and Section F2): where a joint submission names an authorized VMware/Broadcom partner as prime contractor (RFQ section 1.3), may that party's demonstrated experience supplying and renewing VMware licensing, and its client references, be relied upon to meet C5.5 and the Experience criterion?
Answer 6:	Where a joint submission identifies an authorized VMware/Broadcom partner as the prime contractor, the prime contractor's demonstrated experience in supplying and managing VMware licensing, together with relevant client references, may be used to demonstrate compliance with the RFQ's experience requirements. The prime contractor must independently satisfy all applicable mandatory requirements and remain responsible for the delivery of the proposed licensing and associated support obligations. Any supporting partners or subcontractors must be clearly identified, including their respective roles and responsibilities.

Question 7:	Duties and taxes (Appendix C 1(b)): the licences will be delivered electronically through the Broadcom/VMware licensing portal. Please confirm whether the Government expects any customs duty or other tax to apply to electronically delivered software for this purchase, and how any such amount should be itemized on Annex B.
Answer 7:	The VMware licensing will be delivered electronically through the Broadcom/VMware licensing portal. Duty and taxes do not apply.

Question 8:	Quote validity: Annex B asks for a 'Quote Valid Through' date. Please confirm the minimum validity period the Government requires, taking into account the anticipated execution of the agreement on 24 November 2026.
Answer 8:	The proponent is required to provide the validity period for their quotation, regardless of the execution date. We cannot dictate that information.

Question 9:	Optional extension year (RFQ section 1.3): should respondents' price the optional additional one-year term, and if so where on Annex B, or is pricing required for the initial one-year term only?
Answer 9:	The mandatory pricing requirement is for the initial one-year VMware vSphere subscription. The RFQ provides the Government with the option to extend the agreement for up to one additional year, subject to mutual agreement and the applicable procurement approvals. Respondents should provide pricing for the optional extension period as part of their submissions. Should the Government elect to exercise the extension option, the applicable pricing and terms will be negotiated and agreed upon prior to the commencement of the additional subscription period.

Question 10:	Submission format (RFQ sections 1.5.1 and 1.5.3): please confirm that a single electronic copy emailed to you in PDF and/or Word, with the RFQ title in the subject line, fully satisfies the submission requirement and that no sealed hard-copy package is required.
Answer 10:	Yes. Confirmed

Question 11:	Alternatives (Appendix D, MTR2; Annex B 'No Deviations'): our quotation will be for SKU VCF-VSP-FND-1Y only. May respondents also include, as a separate unpriced section that does not qualify or alter the compliant quotation, information on alternative virtualization platforms for the Government's consideration at a future renewal? Or should no such information be included?
Answer 11:	Respondents must submit a fully compliant response for the specified VMware vSphere licensing under SKU VCF-VSP-FND-1Y, completed on Annex B in accordance with the requirements outlined in the RFQ. Proposals for alternative virtualization platforms or substitute products are outside the scope of this procurement and will not be considered as part of the evaluation. The Government reserves the right to assess alternative virtualization technologies through a separate procurement or evaluation process, should such a requirement arise in the future.

End of Addenda No, BDA-HA-IDT-WINTEL-RFQ-2026-11