

#### **GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA**

Ministry of the Cabinet with Responsibility for Government Reform

Request for Information (Bermuda Post Office Online Shopping Initiative)

# Addendum (BPOS\_001) No. 1

14<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

**Dear Respondents** 

The following addendum supersedes information contained in the RFI to the extent referenced.

This Addendum forms part of the RFI documents and will be subject to all of the conditions set out in the contract conditions.

This Addendum (BPOS\_001) No. 1 contains two (2) pages.

# Bidder's Questions (Q) and Government's Responses (R):

- Q1. Will Bermuda Post Office (BPO) be providing a US address and consolidation location for e-commerce shipments?
- R1. No, the intent is for BPO to utilize the existing logistical infrastructure and services of the vendor or service provider.
- Q2. Will online shoppers be utilizing their own forms of payment for online orders?
- R2. Yes.
- Q3. What type of cargo will BPO be equipped to handle upon arrival in Bermuda?
- R3. The BPO is equipped to handle all merchandise within the current postal limits of 20 kilograms.
- Q4. Is BPO looking for a partner for handling online shopping?
- R4. The BPO is considering a variety of relationship arrangements in the provision of this service.
- Q5. How would BPO assist or enhance any established online shopping service locally?
- R.5 The BPO intends to provide HM Customs clearance and duty collection at its counters and last mile delivery services.
- Q6. Does BPO envision having online shoppers ship to Bermuda via a local shipping service and having that service either transport the goods to the BPO or having the BPO collect from the shipper?
- R6. Yes.
- Q7. Is BPO looking for a carrier for door-to-door service?
- R7. No.



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- Q8. What lanes of service is BPO asking for bids to cover?
- R8. The services will emanate from multiple jurisdictions and include multiple shipping lanes and carriers until arrival of merchandise into Bermuda. Last mile services will be provided by Bermuda Post Office.
- Q9. Who will be creating the Commercial Invoice for shipments coming to Bermuda?
- R9. The vendor or service provider will provide the commercial invoice.
- Q10. What party will be clearing shipments into Bermuda?
- R10. BPO will clear the shipments into Bermuda.
- Q11. Who will be collecting duties and taxes for shipments after assessment by Bermuda Customs?
- R11. BPO will collect duties and taxes for shipments after assessment by Bermuda Customs.
- Q12. Is there a time frame for implementing the BPO Online Shopping Solution?
- R12. All time frames for implementation are subject to Bermuda Government procurement schedules and tendering requirements.
- Q13. Does BPO have a volume/weight projection?
- R13. Shipment volumes and weight projections (based on the current postal limit of 20 kilograms per parcel) are subject to market conditions.
- Q14. Will the operation be based in the US? if yes, where?
- R14. The location of the base for the operations will be subject to the vendor or service provider's operations.
- Q15. Which Airline or Cargo company does BPO intend to use for its shipments?
- R15. The BPO intends to use all carriers and shippers to Bermuda.
- Q19. Does BPO have any partners lined up already in Bermuda or the US?
- R16. The BPO does not have any potential vendors or service providers lined up for this venture.
- Q17. Does the BPO intend to offer online shopping from the US as well as other countries?
- R17. Yes.

# END OF ADDENDUM (BPOS\_001) No. 1