

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Procurement of Network Switches:
5 units of Cisco Catalyst C1300-24P-4G (Access
Switch)

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INTRODUCTION

AB Bank PLC. invites qualified vendors to submit proposals for the supply and support of five (5) Cisco Catalyst C1300-24P-4G access switches, including power cords, rack mount kits, and 1-year local warranty. Bidders must propose equipment that meets all requirements in Annexure I. The Bank's decision will be final.

SCOPE OF WORK

The vendor shall supply and support the following (details and technical specifications in Annexure I):

- Five (5) Cisco Catalyst C1300-24P-4G 24-port PoE+ access switches with power cords and rack mount kits.
- Please include 1-year local replacement warranty for all supplied devices.
- Cisco devices should be supplied without Cisco SmartNet support.
- Bidders must quote each line item in Annexure I separately. Any additional item required for a complete, working solution but not listed in Annexure I must also be quoted separately and clearly identified.
- All technical specifications in Annexure I are minimum requirements; the bidder shall indicate compliance and any deviations in the proposal.

VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

Only bidders meeting the following criteria are eligible to respond to this RFP:

- The bidder must be a legally registered entity in Bangladesh.
- The bidder must be a regular taxpayer.
- The bidder must submit a Manufacturer's Authorization Letter (MAF) from the OEM.
- The bidder must be an authorized Cisco partner/reseller for the proposed switches, with proof of authorization attached.
- The bidder must clearly state the exact Cisco part numbers of all proposed hardware and accessories, matching the Bill of Quantities in Annexure I.
- The bidder must provide a minimum of three (3) reference clients of similar size/industry, contactable for verification.
- The bidder must hold a valid tax clearance / good standing certificate and company registration documents.
- All equipment must be brand new, genuine, and sourced through Cisco's authorized distribution channel; refurbished, used, or grey-market equipment will not be accepted.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

- Technical Proposals must be emailed to rfp@abbl.com with the subject line: "Proposal for Access Switches (C1300-24P-4G)"
- A hard copy of the Commercial Proposal, with itemized costs (unit price, quantity, and total price per line item, including VAT and applicable taxes) for the Bill of Quantities in Annexure I, must be sealed in an envelope and addressed to:

Head of Administration

AB Bank PLC.

The Skymark, Level 4, 18 Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh

DEADLINE

Close of business on 19 October 2026.

TECHNICAL BID FORMAT

Proposals must include:

1. Letter of Proposal
2. Manufacturer's Authorization Letter (MAF) from the OEM
3. Prior experience certificates in the Bangladesh market
4. OEM datasheets/documentation for all proposed items in Annexure I, supporting compliance with the technical specifications
5. Bill of Materials with exact Cisco part numbers, quantities, and warranty period (without price)
6. Proposed delivery timeline and support escalation matrix with response-time SLAs

ANNEXURE I

A. Bill of Quantities

SL	Part Number	Description	Term (Months)	Qty
Access Switch — Cisco Catalyst C1300-24P-4G (5 Units)				
1.0	C1300-24P-4G	Cisco Catalyst 1300 Series, 24-Port 10/100/1000 PoE+, 4 x 1G SFP uplinks	---	5
1.1	CAB-ACU	AC Power Cord (UK), C13, BS 1363, 2.5m	---	5
1.2	(To be mentioned by the bidder)	Rack Mount Kit for C1300-24P-4G	---	5
1.3	Local Warranty	1-year local replacement warranty for all supplied devices (not Cisco SmartNet support)	12	5

B. Minimum Technical Specifications

SL	Parameter	Minimum Requirement
Access Switch — Cisco Catalyst C1300-24P-4G (5 Units)		
1	Model	Cisco Catalyst 1300 Series C1300-24P-4G, managed, fixed-configuration, rack-mountable (1 RU)
2	Access ports	24 x 10/100/1000 Mbps RJ-45 ports
3	Uplink ports	4 x 1G SFP uplink ports
4	PoE	IEEE 802.3af (PoE) and 802.3at (PoE+) on all 24 access ports; minimum total PoE power budget of 195 W
5	Layer 2 features	VLAN / IEEE 802.1Q trunking, RSTP / MSTP, LACP link aggregation (IEEE 802.3ad), IGMP snooping, LLDP / LLDP-MED
6	Layer 3 features	Layer 3 static routing and inter-VLAN routing
7	Security	IEEE 802.1X, port security, DHCP snooping, Dynamic ARP Inspection, IP Source Guard, ACLs, storm control
8	Management	SSHv2, HTTPS, SNMPv2c/v3, RADIUS / TACACS+, Syslog, NTP, CLI and web GUI
9	Power supply	Internal AC power supply, 100-240 V AC, 50/60 Hz; UK-type (BS 1363) power cord (CAB-ACU) supplied with each switch; switches shall not be ordered with the no-power-cord option
10	Mounting	The switch shall support 1U rack mounting, and the required mounting brackets shall be supplied with each unit. The bidder shall provide the exact part number of the rack mount kit (Item 1.2 of the Bill of Quantities above) and confirm whether it is supplied as part of the standard package or as a separately ordered accessory.
11	Support	1-year local replacement warranty for all supplied devices (not Cisco SmartNet support)

CONTACT INFORMATION

For any clarifications, please contact rfp@abbl.com.