

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Procurement of Network Switches:
2 units of Cisco Catalyst C9500-48Y4C-A (Distribution
Switch)

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INTRODUCTION

AB Bank PLC. invites qualified vendors to submit proposals for the supply and support of two (2) Cisco Catalyst C9500-48Y4C-A distribution switches, including licenses, transceivers, accessories, warranty, and OEM support. 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 in Annexure I):

- Two (2) Cisco Catalyst C9500-48Y4C-A distribution switches with redundant power supplies, fan trays, Network Advantage and DNA Advantage (3-year) licenses, 36-month Cisco SNTC support, StackWise Virtual cabling, and 96 transceivers (48 x SFP-10G-SR-S and 48 x GLC-TE).
- Registration of all licenses and support contracts in the Bank's Cisco Smart Account / name.
- 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.

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, licenses, transceivers, and support contracts, 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 Distribution Switches (C9500-48Y4C-A)"
- 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 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
5. Bill of Materials with exact Cisco part numbers, quantities, and service durations (without price)
6. Proposed delivery timeline and support escalation matrix with response-time SLAs

ANNEXURE I

SL	Part Number	Description	Term (Months)	Qty
Distribution Switch — Cisco Catalyst C9500-48Y4C-A (2 Units; quantities below are totals for both switches)				
1.0	C9500-48Y4C-A	Catalyst 9500 48-port x 1/10/25G + 4-port 40/100G, Advantage	---	2
1.0.1	CON-SNT-C9504YA4	SNTC-8X5XNBD Catalyst 9500 48-port 25/100G only, Advantage	36	2
1.1	C9K-PWR-650WAC-R	650W AC Config 4 Power Supply, front-to-back cooling	---	2
1.2	C9K-PWR-650WAC-R/2	650W AC Config 4 Power Supply, front-to-back cooling (redundant)	---	2
1.3	C9K-F1-SSD-BLANK	Cisco pluggable SSD storage (blank)	---	2
1.4	C9K-T1-FANTRAY	Catalyst 9500 Type 4 front-to-back cooling fan	---	4
1.5	C9500-NW-A	C9500 Network Stack, Advantage	---	2
1.6	S9500UK9-1718	CAT9300/9400/9500/9600 Universal (IOS XE software)	---	2
1.7	C9500-SSD-NONE	No SSD card selected	---	2
1.8	C9500-RFID	RFID selected	---	2
1.9	C9500-DNA-48Y4C-A	C9500 DNA Advantage, Term License	---	2
1.9.1	C9500-DNA-A-3Y	Cisco Catalyst 9500 DNA Advantage 3-Year License	36	2
1.10	QSFP-H40G-AOC5M	40GBASE Active Optical Cable, 5m	---	4
1.11	NETWORK-PNP-LIC	Network Plug-n-Play Connect for zero-touch device deployment	---	2
1.12	CAB-C13-C14-2M	Power Cord Jumper, C13-C14 Connectors, 2 Meter Length	---	4
1.13	SFP-10G-SR-S=	10GBASE-SR SFP Module, Enterprise-Class (10G MM SR)	---	48
1.14	GLC-TE=	1000BASE-T SFP transceiver module for Category 5 copper wire (1G Copper)	---	48

CONTACT INFORMATION

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