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Response to queries emailed by various empaneled advocate pertaining to the RFQ is as follows:

1. What is SFTP?

It is a Secure File Transfer Platform. The basic infrastructure required to set up a SFTP are:

- 1) Secure computer with up-to-date firewall and virus protection
- 2) Static IP enabled LAN connection
- 3) 100% availability of SFTP service during the entire window of the scheduled file receiving and transfer.
- 4) Sufficient internet bandwidth to support transfer of heavy files.

Other additional features:

- 1) Vendor should have Data Loss Prevention (DLP) features to avoid data leak
- 2) Integrates with several antivirus software and performs automated virus scans to ensure all uploaded files are free from malware.
- 3) Every SFTP user should have different root path.
- 4) SFTP (Secure File Transfer Protocol) should support SSL or SSH for secure file transfer.
- 5) Access control - Ensures that specific files, directories, and other resources on the server are accessible only to those with the right authorization.
- 6) Should have logs record for file transfer events and provide auditors, tech support staff, or digital forensic experts a reliable digital trail to investigate if something goes wrong.