Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting of the Committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor to examine the current status of UTM (firewall) device for CIT, MANUU, Hyderabad was held on 03-02-2020 at 3.00 PM in Committee Room of Department of CS & IT, Following members were present in the discussion.

1. Dr. M. Kamil, Director, Centre for Information Technology, Chairperson
2. Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Director, Campus Network Facility & Computer Centre, UoH, Member
3. Prof. Abdul Wahid, Dean, School of Computer Science & Information Technology, MANUU,Member
4. Safeena Macci, AR (Purchase), MANUU,Member
5. Mr. Abdul Khader, Network Administrator, MANUU,Member, Convener
6. Mr. Deepak Singh, Technical Assistant (Network),MANUU(Spl Invitee)

Mr. Rajshekar, DDG, Centre for Data Governance, NIC, Hyderabad, External Member who was about to attend the Meeting over skype could not able to attend at the last moment.
Deputy Registrar (Finance), could not attend the meeting as he was engaged in the another meeting

Director, CIT welcomed all the committee members and given the brief presentation on the existing Network Infrastructure and current status of the UTM (Firewall) and subsequently Agenda items were discussed.

It was observed that the UTM Fortigate 3040b was procured in the year 2013 has reached end of Life (EOL) stage. It is more than 5 years old now. AMC for the UTM device and renewal of the license could not be materialized as the product support is going to end by September 2021 and even if we opt for the AMC of UTM box and renewal of license for 1 year, support start date will be from the date of expiry i.e. 18-12-2018. Also it was observed that the cost of AMC of UTM box and renewal of license for 1 year appears to be same as purchase of new UTM box which comes with 3 year license after evaluating the proposals received from suppliers.

As the current UTM device has become obsolete, the committee recommended replacing these UTM devices with new one. The committee further recommended for the equipment replacement under buy-back option.

The committee has suggested for the procurement of UTM box through e-tender ie Central Public Procurement Portal due to following shortfalls in going through GeM procurement.

1. In GeM one has to go with the predefined Criteria. No options for adding clauses which suites our requirement.

2. Option for Buy-Back in GeM is not available

3. In GeM after sale service is a big issue. This equipment requires On demand Local service support.

4. As our institution is the Central Govt. funded Academic & Research based Institution as per Integrated Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (13 of 2017), 5% tax may be availed instead of GST @ 18%. These exemptions will not be considered in GeM.

Due to above shortfalls in GeM procurement the committee has unanimously decided to procure the new UTM Firewall through e-tender. Tender Specifications for the new UTM procurement was discussed and the committee members shared their respective clauses that can be incorporated in the Tender document.

The meeting ended at 4.00 pm vote of thanks to chair.

Director, CIT, MANUU

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All members of the Technical Committee, Procurement of UTM(Firewall)