

TENDER DOCUMENT FOR SUPPLY, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF 100 Mbps INTERNET LEASED CONNECTIVITY AT EMBASSY OF INDIA, KATHMANDU (NEPAL)

No: Kat/Estt/872/04/2024

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Embassy of India Kathmandu

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Embassy of India invites sealed and separate tenders under two bid systems (Technical & Financial Bid) from established/reputed agencies for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of "100 Mbps Internet Leased Line Connectivity" through fiber optical cable at the Embassy of India premises for a period of one (1) year, extendable on year to year basis for another two years on same price and subject to mutual agreement.

2. The last date of receipt of offer in sealed envelope is on or before 16.10.2024 up to 1500 hrs. Tender documents are available on our website www.indembkathmandu.gov.in and www.eprocure.gov.in. Details can also be collected from Second Secretary (Administration), Tel 01-4411851.

3. The bids shall remain valid for 120 days from the date of opening of technical bids. Any future clarification and/or corrigendum(s) shall be communicated through '**Tender Notice**' section on the Embassy website www.indembkathmandu.gov.in.

4. The Embassy of India reserves the right to reject/cancel any or all bids without assigning any reason.

Kat/Estt/872/04/2024 dated 25th September 2024

Sd/-Head of Chancery

Bidder details

a)	Name/Address of Agency including PIN Code				
b)	Registrations Details with date				
c)	Owner's Name				
d)	Income Tax Pan No.				
e)	Service Tax Registration No.				
f)	Telephone No. Office				
	Residence				
	Mobile				
g)	Residential Address				
h)	Annual turnover for last three financial years				
i)	List of Major Corporate Clients				
j)	Performance Report, if any				
k)	Any other information/documents which may help in assessing bidder's abilities				

Bidder's signature with stamp

INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERER

Tender should be submitted in two parts, Part-I (Technical Bid) & Part-II (Financial Bid). Envelop of Part-I should be super scribed as "Tender for Providing the Internet Leased Line Connectivity, Part-I Technical Bid" and Envelop of Part- II should be super scribed as "Tender for Providing the Internet Leased Line Connectivity, Part-II Financial Bid".

1. Eligibility Criteria:

The Agencies that fulfill the following requirements shall be eligible to apply.

1.1 The agency must have at least two international renowned upstream providers.

1.2 The firm/agency must have a fully functional Customer Service Center(s) in this region, which is fully operational 24 X 365 days. List of Customer Service Center(s) must be enclosed with technical bid.

1.3 The firm/agency must have adequate bandwidth at the backup to provide the desired bandwidth in Embassy. Supporting document must be enclosed with technical bid.

1.4 The bid of any tenderer who has not complied with one or more of the conditions of eligibility criteria and/or fail to submit the required documents as required/or mentioned in tender document are liable to be summarily rejected.

1.5 The Embassy reserves the right to reject any or all tenders, wholly or partly or close the tender at any stage prior to the award of contract without assigning any reason whatsoever.

2. Local Conditions:

It shall be the responsibility on part of each tenderer to fully informed/acquainted/familiarized itself with local conditions and factors, which may have any effect on the execution of services to be rendered under the contract. All tenderer(s) intending to bid may visit and make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the local site conditions.

The Embassy shall presume that the tenderer has understood and agreed that all the relevant factors have been kept in view while submitting the bid. No financial adjustment arising thereof shall be permitted by Embassy, on the basis of any nonclarity of information about local conditions being pleaded by the tenderer. Further, no claim for financial adjustment being made by the contract awarded on these tender documents will be entertained by the Embassy.

3. Validity:

3.1 Quoted rates must be valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bids. However, the tenderer shall have no objection to extend it, if required.

3.2 The overall offer for the assignment and tenderer(s) quoted price shall remain unchanged during the period of validity. There should be no alteration later after submission of bids.

4. Earnest Money Deposit

- 4.1 (i) Each Technical Bid must be accompanied with an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of NRs. 50,000/- (Nepali Rupees Fifty Thousand only) or in equivalent Indian Rupees in the form of a Bank Guarantee/Demand Draft only, drawn on any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of Embassy of India, Kathmandu.
- (ii) The Bank Guarantee/DD should be valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical Bids.
- (iii) The BG/DD should be payable at Kathmandu only.
- (iv) EMD must be attached with Technical Bid only, without which the tenders shall not be considered for opening of financial bid.

4.2 Earnest money will be forfeited:

- (i) If the bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity.
- (ii) In case of the successful bidder, if the bidder fails to sign the contract.

4.3 Refund of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD):

(i) Refund of EMD to the unsuccessful bidders shall be made after expiry of the bid validity and latest on or before 30th day after signing of the contract.

(ii) EMD of successful bidder shall be refunded after award of the contract and deposit of Performance Security @ 5% of the total contract value in the form of Bank Guarantee/DD (in the name of Embassy of India, Kathmandu). The Performance Security should be valid till 60 days beyond the contract period. After successful completion of all contractual obligations, the Performance Security (without any interest) shall be refunded.

5. Installation & Commissioning:

After finalization of the tender, a Letter of Intent (LOI) shall be issued to the successful bidder. The bidder shall sign the formal agreement within one week from the date of issue of LOI. After signing the contract agreement, the agency shall commence the execution of work. All the aspects of safe delivery, installation, commissioning and uplink of the connectivity shall be the exclusive responsibility of the Service Provider.

6. Payment Terms & Conditions:

Annual Recurring (bandwidth) charges shall be payable on Quarterly basis after the submission of monthly connectivity report at the end of each quarter (3 Months), for this the Service Provider will raise the bill at least two weeks in advance before the end of each quarter.

7. Contract Period:

The contract period for providing the Internet Leased Line Connectivity to Embassy would be initially for one year, extendable on year to year basis for another two years at the same price and subject to mutual agreement.

The agreed price would be applicable throughout the contract period. No hike in price would be admissible; however, if the prices are reduced on any account, benefit of the same should be passed on to Embassy.

8. Tender Preparation Expenses:

All costs incurred by the tenderer in the preparation of the tender, presentation and of negotiating the contract including the site visits etc. will be borne by the tenderer themselves and in no case will be reimbursable by the Embassy.

9. Financial Bid:

The rates should be quoted in Nepalese Rupees (NPR) inclusive of the essential charges on FOR at destination site basis in the prescribe format **(Annexure - I)** with complete description. Name of the manufacturer, part number must be indicated clearly in the proforma invoice/quotation failing which the same shall be liable for rejection.

NB: If any of the conditions mentioned in the tender inquiry document are altered/changed/ modified / add any new condition, which are not compliance with tender inquiry document, by tenderer in their proposal, which may be treated as unresponsive and it may be rejected.

10. Tender Evaluation:

The Embassy will evaluate the entire tenders, strictly on the basis of the terms & conditions incorporated in the tender inquiry document and terms, conditions etc. as stipulated by the tenderer(s) in their tender to determine whether these are compliance in all respects, as specified in the tender inquiry document. During the evaluation/scrutiny of the tenders, at any stage, if it is found that any of the tenderer(s) terms and conditions are not compliance with tender inquiry document, Embassy may seek the clarification within the specified target time and if the tenderer fails to reply/or not agree/ accept the terms and conditions, their tender will be treated as unresponsive and it is liable for rejection. If the schedule of requirements contains more than one schedule, then offers for each schedule are to be evaluated and ranked separately, if it is in the benefit of the Embassy, order may be awarded accordingly.

11. Award of Contract:

After due evaluation of the financial bid(s), the Embassy will award the contract to the lowest evaluated responsive tenderer (hereinafter referred to as the "Service Provider").

12. Commencement of Contract:

The Service Provider shall commence the work within two weeks from the date of signing the contract agreement.

13. Service Provider Obligations:

13.1 The Service Provider shall be responsible for providing 100 Mbps leased line internet connectivity at Embassy of India, Kathmandu premises all the time throughout the contract period. If Embassy requests for enhanced bandwidth during the period of contract, the same shall be arranged by the Service provider on mutually agreeable rates.

13.2 The Service Provider shall deploy one dedicated qualified technical personnel at the Embassy premise to ensure un-interrupted transmission of internet connectivity during the office hours (0845 to 1745 hours). If any replacement of parts is required, the vendor shall arrange the same without delay.

13.3. The Service Provider shall be responsible for commissioning and configuring of hardware and uplink of connectivity.

13.4. The Service Provider would ensure that the local loop provisioning does not violate any regulations as laid by Government of India and Nepal in respect of such links networks. Service Provider shall responsible for making all the payments towards the local loop charges/rentals/WPC charges etc.

13.5. The Service Provider will do preventive maintenance once a quarter for upkeep of the systems running. The schedule will have to be adhered to strictly by him.

13.6 The Vendor shall pay all his taxes/duties regularly to the local government. Any un-refunded VAT amount due to negligence on the part of the vendor, the same shall be recovered from next bill.

13.7 The vendor shall provide dedicated IPs on the requirement of Embassy to provide separate dedicated internet connections in various buildings of the Embassy.

13.8 The vendor shall comply with the local wages rules and other rules, regulations and notifications as prescribed by the GoN, relevant to this tender.

13.9 The vendor shall ensure that any information/data which may come to the knowledge and/or possession of the company or any of the personnel of the company including those deployed with the customer, for execution of the Annual Maintenance Contract, are not disclosed under any circumstances.

13.10 The vendor shall furnish full details, as may be required, of all personnel deployed for the execution of Annual Maintenance Contract to the Embassy of India, Kathmandu, to facilitate background checks. He/She may further undertake to immediately intimate the Embassy of any information that may come to the knowledge of 'The Contractor', which may have a security implication.

14. Penalty:

The agency shall ensure un-interrupted transmission of internet line throughout the contract period. If any breakdown occurs, the same shall be rectified within a reasonable time period. A penalty (a) $\frac{1}{2}$ % of the total contract value per day shall be imposed in case the problem persists beyond a period of 3 days from the day of breakdown.

15. Force Majeure:

Any delay due to Force Majeure will not be attributable to the bidder. Force Majeure events shall mean one or more of the following acts or events: Acts of God or events beyond the reasonable control of the Affected Party which could not reasonably have been expected to occur, exceptionally adverse weather conditions, lightning, earthquake, cyclone, flood, volcanic eruption or fire or landslide; Radioactive contamination or ionizing radiation; Strikes or boycotts (other than those involving the Supplier or its employees / representatives or attributable to any act or omission of any of them) interrupting supplies and services of the Project for a period exceeding a continuous period of 7 (seven) days; An act of war (whether declared or undeclared), invasion, armed conflict or act of foreign enemy, blockade, embargo, riot, insurrection, terrorist or military action, civil commotion or politically motivated sabotage which prevents rendering of supplies or specified services by the Supplier for a period exceeding a continuous period of 7 (seven) days.

16. Arbitration:

In case of any dispute or difference arising out of or in connection with the tender conditions/order and Contract, the Embassy and the Supplier will address the dispute/difference for a mutual resolution and failing which, the matter shall be referred for arbitration to a sole Arbitrator to be appointed by the Embassy. The Arbitration shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and the venue of arbitration shall be at New Delhi only. The resolution of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on both the parties.

17. Jurisdiction:

The courts at New Delhi alone will have the jurisdiction to try any matter, dispute or reference between parties arising out of this tender / contract.

18. Clarification:

The prospective tenderer(s) requiring any clarification regarding the tender document are requested to contact Establishment Section (Phone: +977-1-4411851 and email id: estt.kathmandu@mea.gov.in).

At any time prior to the deadline for submission of bids, the Embassy may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective tenderer(s), modify the tender document by amendment.

The amendment will be published on Embassy website. In order to afford prospective tenderer(s) reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their bid, the Embassy may, at its discretion extend the deadline for the submission of Tender.

Other Terms & Conditions

1. It is advised to make a site visit and assess the requirements before submitting bids.

2. Technical Bids shall include EMD, company profile, address of the company, point of contacts, clients' details and other information which are relevant to assess the suitability of the company. A copy of all tender documents duly signed & stamped will be attached to the Technical Bid.

3. Offer in the financial bid should be written in English and price should be written in both figures and words. The offer should be typed or written in ink pen or ball pen. Use of pencil will be ignored. All the pages of the Technical / Financial Bid shall be page numbered and all the relevant supporting documents as required must be enclosed.

4. Envelope of technical bid & financial bid should be individually sealed and then placed in a third envelope, to be sealed and super scribed with tender number, due date of submission and address to:

Head of Chancery Embassy of India P.O. Box No. 292, 336, Kapurdhara Marg, Kathmandu Nepal

5. Important dates relating to the tender are as follows:

S. No.	Particulars	Date	
i.	Document submission - start date	26.09.2024	
ii.	Document submission – last date	16.10.2024	
iii.	Technical Bids opening date	16.10.2024	
iv.	Financial Bid opening date	To be decided later	

6. Sealed tender should reach the Embassy before the last date of submission. Tender(s) received beyond the last date of submission will be rejected. No tender will be entertained by E-mail or FAX.

7. At any time prior to the deadline of submission of bid, the Embassy for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response of a clarification requested by a prospective tenderer, modify the tender by amendment and it will be published on the Embassy's website under Tender Notice Section.

8. Agencies may send their authorized representative at the time of opening of Technical & Financial Bids on the above mentioned dates. For any clarification, agencies may contact Shri Pankaj Kumar, ASO (Estt) at +977-1-4411851 and estt.kathmandu@mea.gov.in

9. The financial bid(s) of only those tenderer(s) will be opened, who qualifies in technical evaluation.

10. The Embassy reserves the right to select certain items in single or multiple units and reject the others or all as mentioned in the schedule and to revise or alter the specifications before acceptance of any tender and accept or reject any or all tenders, wholly or partly or close the tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Prequalification/Evaluation/Exclusion Criteria:

S1	Particulars	Details				
1	Experience	(a) The company/contractor should have minimum five years'				
		experience in the field				
		(b) Preference will be given to the company/contractor wh				
		has experience in working with Diplomatic Missions/Go				
		Departments/ reputed Hotels etc. Proof of the experience from				
		that organization needs to be attached				
2	Registration	The company/contractor should have a valid Registration				
	No.	Number either in India and/or Nepal				
3	Turnover	The contractor should have a minimum turnover of NRs. 25				
		crores per year or equivalent in Indian Rupees for last 03 Financial years.				
4	Corporate	The contractor should have a minimum 5 reputed clients to				
	clients	whom they are providing their services (satisfaction certificate				
		from clients is essential)				
5	International	The contractor should have minimum two international				
	Upstream	upstream providers				
	providers					
6	VAT	Certificate that company/contractor pays VAT regularly and				
		their VAT dues are cleared either in India and/or Nepal				
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NOTE: Unprecedented situation: If after opening of financial bids it is found that there are more than one lowest bidder, in that case preference will be given to those contractor which scores more evaluation marks in the technical bids.

Scope of work

The Service Provider shall provide 100 mbps Internet Leased Line Connectivity through fiber optical cable to the Embassy of India, Kathmandu at all time (24x7x365).

The agency shall depute a dedicated engineer as support staff in the Embassy to rectify any problem and in order to ensure uninterrupted transmission of internet in various offices of the Embassy during the office hours (0845 to 1745 hrs).

Annexure-I

Rates are on monthly basis								
S. No.	Particulars	Charges in NPR	VAT in NPR	Other applicable taxes as per local laws (in NPR)	Total monthly charges in NPR			
i	Total charges for providing of 100 mbps leased internet line with one qualified technical staff							
word	Final rate in words							
any	Other charges, if any including VAT (please specify)							

Note:-

1. Rates for any additional/optional features to be mentioned clearly and separately.

2. Price must be quoted both in figures and in words. In case of a discrepancy in the two, price quoted in words will be taken as valid.

3. We have gone through the terms & conditions stipulated in the Tender Documents and confirm to abide by the same.

4. No other charges would be payable by the Embassy.

DRAFT AGREEMENT

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE EMBASSY OF INDIA, KATHMANDU AND M/s FOR PROVIDING OF 100 MBPS DEDICATED INTERNET LEASED CONNECTIVITY THROUGH FIBER OPTIC WITH ONE TECHNICAL SUPPORT STAFF AT EMBASSY OF INDIA, KATHMANDU (NEPAL).

SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This agreement is entered into between the Embassy of India, Kathmandu (herein after referred to as 'The Customer') and M/s (hereinafter referred to as The Contractor) on this day of 10 January, 2025 for providing of 100 Mbps dedicated internet leased connectivity through fiber optic with one dedicated technical staff to the customer. The terms and conditions and scope of work of the agreement are in succeeding paras.

2. The contractor shall be responsible for providing 100 Mbps leased line internet connectivity at the site of customer all the time throughout the contract period. If the customer requests for enhanced bandwidth during the period of contract, the same shall be arranged by the contractor on mutually agreeable rates.

3. The contractor shall ensure un-interrupted transmission of internet line throughout the contract period. If any breakdown occurs, the same shall be rectified within a reasonable time period. A penalty @ 0.5% of the total contract value per day shall be imposed in case the problem persists beyond a period of 3 days from the day of breakdown.

4. The contract includes maintenance of hardware and software installed at the server room for smooth transmission of the internet connections to various offices of the customer.

5. The contractor shall provide one (01) engineer/technician on all working days from 0845 hrs to 1745 hrs. The engineer/technician shall have minimum qualification of 2/3-year diploma in computer/IT/ICT/Electronics Engineering with minimum two years of experience in the maintenance/repair of IT equipment, software trouble-shooting; management of internet cabling etc. All tools required for maintenance shall be made available by the contractor at the Embassy.

6. The engineer/technician deployed shall be Indian or Nepali citizen only and shall be required to report on all working days at 0845 hrs and if and when required on a non-working day, and shall sign the attendance register every day. The engineer/technician deployed by the contractor shall be under the control and supervision of ASO (Estt), Embassy of India, Kathmandu hereinafter referred to as the Coordinator or any other person authorized by the customer.

7. The engineer/technician shall work under the instruction of the Coordinator or any person authorized by the customer and shall submit complaint sheets to such person for each complaint attended by them. The complaint sheet shall clearly define the nature of complaint, location of office and time taken for rectification of a complaint. The engineer is also required to get the complaint sheets signed by the respective end users, who shall rate quality and promptness of service.

8. The engineer/technician shall be equipped with Mobile phone to ensure his availability. A complaint shall be attended to within one hour and in exceptional cases within two hours. As far as possible, the repairs shall be carried out on-site itself. The equipment shall have to be repaired in-house and in no case shall it be taken out of the building without prior written authorization of the coordinator.

9. The Contractor shall be responsible for commissioning and configuring of hardware and uplink of connectivity.

10. The Contractor will ensure that the local loop provisioning does not violate any regulations as laid by Government of India and Government of Nepal in respect of such links networks. The Contractor shall be responsible for making all the payments towards the local loop charges/rentals/WPC charges etc.

11. The Contractor shall carry out system updates once a quarter for security of data. The schedule will have to be adhered to strictly by him. If any damage/loss of equipment is caused by the contractor or any of its representatives, an amount equivalent to the loss, so caused, shall be recovered from the quarterly payment made to the contractor. The decision of Head of Chancery shall be final and binding in this regard.

12. The Contractor shall pay all his taxes/duties regularly to the local government. Any un-refunded VAT amount due to negligence on the part of the contractor, the same shall be recovered from next bill.

13. The Contractor shall provide dedicated IPs on the requirement of the customer to provide separate dedicated internet connections in various buildings of the customer.

14. The contractor shall ensure that the engineer/technician is present in appropriate attire and possess valid ID card on all working days and when required on a non-working day. In case of engineer/technician going on leave, alternate arrangements shall be made well in advance under prior intimation to the coordinator.

15. The Contractor shall not change the engineer/technician without prior written clearance from the customer. Further that the contractor shall provide a substitute for a deployed engineer, if required by the coordinator, within ten days of such requisition. Failure to do so may lead to termination of the contract and/or imposition of penalties by the Embassy not exceeding 10% of the total value of the contract.

16. The Contractor shall comply with the local wages rules and other rules, regulations and notifications as prescribed by the GoN, relevant to this agreement.

17. The Contractor shall ensure that any information/data which may come to the knowledge and/or possession of the company or any of the personnel of the company including those deployed with the customer, for execution of the AMC, are not disclosed under any circumstances.

18. The Contractor shall furnish full details, as may be required, of all personnel deployed for the execution of Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) to the customer to facilitate background checks. He/She may further undertake to immediately intimate the customer of any information that may come to the knowledge of the contractor, which may have a security implication.

19. The rate quoted shall remain in force for the full period of the contract. No demand for revision of rate on any account shall be entertained during the contract period.

20. The Customer may terminate the contract during the contract period with prior written notice of 30 days. In case the contractor backs out midway without the explicit consent of the customer, he/she shall be liable for recovery as the customer feels suitable.

21. At the time of completion of contract, it shall be duty of contractor to hand over all related software/drivers/maintenance records/register/inventories etc. to the coordinator. The payment of the last quarter shall be released, only after successful handing over, as specified above.

22. The contractor shall not further sub-contract, the whole or any part of the contract, under any circumstances to a third party.

23. If any dispute (s) or difference arises with reference to any provision of the contract, the customer and the contractor will address the dispute/difference amicably and failing which, the matter shall be referred for arbitration to a sole Arbitrator to be appointed by the customer. The Arbitration shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and the venue of arbitration shall be at New Delhi only. The resolution of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on both the parties.

24. The Embassy reserves the right to terminate the contract in case the contractor consistently fails to provide services up to the satisfactory level or on security ground or with a prior notice of one month.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT:

This contract shall be valid for a period of <u>ONE YEAR from ...to....</u> The contract may however be extended after expiry, for up to two years, one year at a time, on the same rates, terms and conditions, if agreed to by both the parties.

FORCE MAJEURE:

i. The customer may consider relaxing the penalty and delivery / service requirements, as specified in this Agreement, if and to the extent the delay in performance or failure to perform its obligations under the contract as the result of a 'Force Majeure'

ii. Force Majeure is defined as an event of effect that cannot reasonably be anticipated such as natural disasters, act of states, the direct and indirect consequences of wars (declared or undeclared), hostilities, national emergencies, civil commotion and strikes at successful bidders premises, etc.

PAYMENT:

The total annual charges shall be Nrs-(Nepali Rupees) inclusive of all taxes, duties, VAT and TSC. The charges shall be payable on quarterly basis in arrears after submission of tax invoice and satisfactory certification by the Head of Chancery or person authorized by the customer. The penalty, if any, shall be deducted from the quarterly bill of the contractor or Performance Guarantee deposited with the customer.

For Customer:

Signature: Name: Designation: Seal of the officer of GOI:

For Contractor:

Signature of authorized person: Name: Designation: Officer – Seal of the Company:

Signed on 10 January, 2025

Witness:

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<u>Undertaking for non-disclosure and security clearance</u>

The Annual Maintenance Contract, signed between Embassy of India, Kathmandu (hereinafter referred to as 'The Customer') and M/s (hereinafter referred to as 'The Contractor') cover providing of internet connectivity to the Embassy of India, Kathmandu.

2. I, the contractor/vendor, hereby undertake that any information/data which may come to the knowledge and/or possession of the company or any of the personnel of the company including those deployed with the customer, for execution of the Annual Maintenance Contract, shall not be disclosed under any circumstances;

3. I, the contractor/vendor, hereby undertake to furnish full details, as may be required, of all personnel deployed for the execution of Annual Maintenance Contract to the Embassy of India, Kathmandu, to facilitate background checks. I further undertake to immediately intimate the 'The Customer' of any information that may come to the knowledge of 'The Contractor', which may have a security implication.

For Contractor:

Signature:

Name:

Designation: Officer -

Seal of the company

Signed on

Witness:

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