



**SECURITIES AND  
FUTURES COMMISSION**  
證券及期貨事務監察委員會

## **Invitation to tender for the renewal of SAS software license**

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## Purpose

1. The purpose of this Invitation to Tender (“ITT”) is to seek price quotations from prospective vendors on software license renewal for the SAS products deployed in the Securities and Futures Commission (“SFC”).

## Requirement Specification

2. We require renewal of existing SAS software license for the list of items listed below:-

Note: In order to make easier comparison among different proposal among vendors, tenderer must submit the Fees quotation in the following format. The SFC reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of a proposal.

Item	Description	Pricing Matrix	Qty	Total Price
<b>SAS V9.4 software license renewal (From 31 March 2026 to 30 March 2027) including the following products:</b>				
1	Base SAS	Total Assets size up to 39 billion	1	
2	SAS Detection and Investigation for Banking, including SAS Enterprise Guide			
3	SAS Metadata Bridge for Microsoft Excel			
4	SAS Metadata Bridge for Oracle			
5	SAS Metadata Bridges for Microsoft SQL Server			
6	SAS Metadata Server			
7	SAS/ACCESS Interface to ODBC			
8	SAS/ACCESS Interface to Oracle			

**Submission without fee breakdown in this prescribed format will not be considered.**

We expect the minimum maintenance service to include:-

- a) Unlimited free version and release upgrades during the maintenance period;
- b) Free and unlimited access to knowledge base with free patch and fix downloads via the Internet;
- c) Unlimited telephone assistance and email support during office and non-office hour for problem solving.

## Confidentiality

3. All information presented in or as a result of this ITT, including information disclosed by the SFC during the selection process, is to be considered strictly confidential. Information must not be released to external parties without the express written consent of the SFC.
4. All responses and other materials submitted in response to this ITT will become the property of the SFC. The SFC assumes no obligation and shall incur no liability regarding confidentiality of all or any portion of a response or any other material submitted in response to this ITT unless expressly agreed in writing to protect specifically identified information.

## Conflict of Interest

5. No Proposer may have any interest which conflicts, or has the potential to conflict, with its duties to the SFC under the proposal. If a Proposer has any interest which conflicts, or has the potential to conflict, with its duties to the SFC under the proposal, the Proposer should clearly state this in its proposal. This requirement extends to the Proposer's associates, associated persons, group companies and each member of the Proposer's professional staff (and their associates and associated persons).

## Prevention of Bribery

6. A Proposer shall prohibit its directors, employees, agents, and sub-contractors who are involved in this ITT from offering, soliciting or accepting any advantage as defined in the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance, Cap 201 when conducting business in connection with this mandate.
7. The Proposer shall take all necessary measures (including by way of a code of conduct or contractual provisions where appropriate) to ensure that its directors, employees, agents and sub-contractors are aware of the prohibitions in this clause.

## Submission of Tender

8. If your company is interested in providing such products and services, please submit in a sealed envelope (plain envelop bearing no logo) one hardcopy of the cost quotation with the service proposal (if any), the signed CONFIDENTIALITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT form in Appendix A and a softcopy of the cost quotation on CD ROM. The softcopy should either be in Microsoft Word (Office 2003 or above) or Adobe Acrobat (version 6 or above) formats, before **2:00 pm, 22 January 2026** to:

Tender Box  
Securities and Futures Commission  
54/F One Island East  
18 Westlands Road  
Quarry Bay  
Hong Kong

9. The written proposals should be marked with the reference "**Renewal of SAS Software License**".

10. For the avoidance of doubt, it should be understood that the SFC will not be bound to accept any particular tender or proposal, and will be at liberty to reject all tenders or proposals.

11. The SFC shall have full discretion to decline any late submissions.

### **Queries Regarding This ITT**

12. Any queries regarding this Invitation to Tender should be made to:

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## Appendix A – Confidentiality Acknowledgement

### Acknowledgement and Undertaking

Acknowledgment in relation to the requirements for preservation of secrecy under section 378 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (“SFO”) and sections 76A to 76G of the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Ordinance (Chapter 615 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (“AMLO”), and avoidance of conflict of interests under section 379 of the SFO and section 53ZTW of the AMLO (together, the “Specified Provisions”).

Terms in this acknowledgement shall have the same meaning as defined in the SFO and/or the AMLO (as the case may be), unless otherwise defined herein.

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To: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. Preservation of Secrecy Requirements

Section 378 of the SFO binds you and in particular subsection (1) of that section provides as follows:

- (1) Subject to subsection (13A), except in the performance of a function under, or for the purpose of carrying into effect or doing anything required or authorized under, any of the relevant provisions, a specified person—
  - (a) shall preserve and aid in preserving secrecy with regard to any matter coming to his knowledge by virtue of his appointment under any of the relevant provisions, or in the performance of any function under or in carrying into effect any of the relevant provisions, or in the course of assisting any other person in the performance of any function under or in carrying into effect any of the relevant provisions;
  - (b) shall not communicate any such matter to any other person; and
  - (c) shall not suffer or permit any other person to have access to any record or document which is in his possession by virtue of the appointment, or the performance of any such function under or the carrying into effect of any such provisions, or the assistance to the other person in the performance of any such function under or in carrying into effect any such provisions.

The term “specified person” is defined in section 378(15) of the SFO and means-

- (a) the Commission;
- (b) any person who is or was a member, an employee, or a consultant, agent or adviser, of the Commission; or
- (c) any person who is or was -
  - (i) a person appointed under any of the relevant provisions;
  - (ii) a person performing any function under or carrying into effect any of the relevant provisions; or
  - (iii) a person assisting any other person in the performance of any function under or in carrying into effect any of the relevant provisions.

The term “relevant provisions” is defined in section 1, Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the SFO to include the provisions of the SFO.

Sections 76A to 76G of the AMLO bind you and in particular sections 76B(1) and (2) provide as follows:

- (1) This section applies to—
  - (a) a matter that comes to a specified person’s knowledge in any of the following circumstances—
    - (i) by virtue of the specified person’s appointment under the AMLO;
    - (ii) in the course of performing a function under, or carrying into effect, a provision of the AMLO;
    - (iii) in the course of assisting another person in performing a function under, or carrying into effect, a provision of the AMLO; and
  - (b) a record or document that has come into a specified person’s possession in any of the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (a).
- (2) A specified person—
  - (a) must not communicate a matter referred to in subsection (1)(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) to a person; and
  - (b) must not allow another person to have access to a record or document referred to in subsection (1)(b).

The term “specified person” is defined in section 76A of the AMLO and includes-

- (a) the Commission;
- (b) a person who is or was a member, an employee, or a consultant, agent or adviser, of the Commission; or
- (c) a person who is or was—
  - (i) a person appointed under a provision of the AMLO;
  - (ii) a person performing a function under, or carrying into effect, a provision of the AMLO; or
  - (iii) a person assisting another person in the performance of a function under, or carrying into effect, a provision of the AMLO.

TAKE NOTICE THAT IF YOU CONTRAVENE SECTION 378(1) OF THE SFO YOU COMMIT AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 378(10) OF THE SFO AND IF YOU CONTRAVENE SECTION 76B(2) OF THE AMLO YOU COMMIT AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 76B(3) OF THE AMLO. ANY PERSON WHO COMMITS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 378(10) OF THE SFO OR SECTION 76B(3) OF THE AMLO IS LIABLE:

- (a) on conviction on indictment to a fine of HK\$1,000,000 and to imprisonment for two years; or
- (b) on summary conviction to a fine of HK\$100,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

## II. Conflict of Interests

Section 379 of the SFO binds you and in particular subsections (1), (2) and (3) of that section provide as follows:

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), any member of the Commission or any person performing any function under any of the relevant provisions shall not directly or indirectly effect or cause to be effected, on his own account or for the benefit of any other person, a

transaction regarding any securities, structured product, futures contract, leveraged foreign exchange contract, or an interest in any securities, structured product, futures contract, leveraged foreign exchange contract or collective investment scheme—

- (a) which transaction he knows is or is connected with a transaction or a person that is the subject of any investigation or proceedings by the Commission under any of the relevant provisions or the subject of other proceedings under any provision of the SFO; or
  - (b) which transaction he knows is otherwise being considered by the Commission.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any transaction which a holder of securities or a structured product effects or causes to be effected by reference to any of his rights as such holder—
- (a) to exchange the securities or structured product or to convert the securities or structured product to another form of securities or structured product;
  - (b) to participate in a scheme of arrangement sanctioned by the Court of First Instance under the OFC rules, the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) or the relevant Ordinance;
  - (c) to subscribe for other securities or another structured product or dispose of a right to subscribe for other securities or another structured product;
  - (d) to charge or pledge the securities or structured product to secure the repayment of money;
  - (e) to realize the securities or structured product for the purpose of repaying money secured under paragraph (d); or
  - (f) to realize the securities or structured product in the course of performing a duty imposed by law.
- (3) Any member of the Commission or any person performing any function under any of the relevant provisions shall forthwith inform the Commission if, in the course of performing any function under any such provisions, he is required to consider any matter relating to—
- (a) any securities, futures contract, leveraged foreign exchange contract, structured product, or an interest in any securities, futures contract, leveraged foreign exchange contract, collective investment scheme or structured product -
    - (i) in which he has an interest;
    - (ii) in which a corporation, in the shares of which he has an interest, has an interest; or
    - (iii) which—
      - (A) in the case of securities, is of or issued by the same issuer, and of the same class, as those in which he has an interest;
      - (B) in the case of a futures contract, is interests, rights or property based upon securities of or issued by the same issuer, and of the same class, as those in which he has an interest; or
      - (C) in the case of a structured product, is interests, rights or property based on a structured product of or issued by the same issuer, and of the same class, as that in which he has an interest; or
  - (b) a person—
    - (i) by whom he is or was employed;
    - (ii) of whom he is or was a client;
    - (iii) who is or was his associate; or
    - (iv) whom he knows is or was a client of a person with whom he is or was employed or who is or was his associate.

Please refer to Part I for the meaning of the term “relevant provisions”.



Section 53ZTW of the AMLO binds you and in particular subsections (1), (2) and (3) of that section provide as follows:

- (1) Any member of the Commission or any person performing any function under the AMLO (the member or person called in this section a *specified person*) must not directly or indirectly effect or cause to be effected, on the specified person's own account or for the benefit of any other person, a transaction regarding any virtual assets—
  - (a) which transaction the specified person knows is, or is connected with a transaction or a person that is, the subject of any investigation or proceedings by the Commission under the AMLO; or
  - (b) which transaction the specified person knows is otherwise being considered by the Commission.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any transaction that a holder of virtual assets effects or causes to be effected by reference to any of their rights as such holder—
  - (a) to participate in a scheme of arrangement sanctioned by the Court of First Instance under the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622);
  - (b) to charge or pledge the virtual assets to secure the repayment of money;
  - (c) to realize the virtual assets for the purpose of repaying money secured under paragraph (b); or
  - (d) to realize the virtual assets in the course of performing a duty imposed by law.
- (3) A specified person must inform the Commission if, in the course of performing any function under Part 5B of the AMLO, the specified person is required to consider any matter relating to—
  - (a) any virtual assets—
    - (i) in which the specified person has an interest;
    - (ii) in which a corporation, in the shares of which the specified person has an interest, has an interest; or
    - (iii) that are of or issued by the same issuer as those in which the specified person has an interest; or
  - (b) a person—
    - (i) by whom the specified person is or was employed;
    - (ii) of whom the specified person is or was a client;
    - (iii) who is or was the specified person's associate; or
    - (iv) whom the specified person knows is or was a client of a person—
      - (A) with whom the specified person is or was employed; or
      - (B) who is or was the specified person's associate.

TAKE NOTICE THAT IF YOU, WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE, CONTRAVENE SECTION 379(1) AND/OR SECTION 379(3) OF THE SFO, YOU COMMIT AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 379(4) OF THE SFO AND IF YOU, WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE, CONTRAVENE SECTION 53ZTW(1) AND/OR SECTION 53ZTW(3) OF THE AMLO, YOU COMMIT AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 53ZTW(4) OF THE AMLO. ANY PERSON WHO COMMITS AN OFFENCE UNDER SECTION 379(4) OF THE SFO OR SECTION 53ZTW(4) OF THE AMLO IS LIABLE:

- (a) on conviction on indictment to a fine of HK\$1,000,000 and to imprisonment for two years; or
- (b) on summary conviction to a fine of HK\$100,000 and to imprisonment for six months.

In the Specified Provisions, the term “person” has the meaning attributed to it in section 3 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Chapter 1 of the Laws of Hong Kong) which provides that “person” includes any public body and any body of persons, corporate or unincorporate, and this definition shall apply notwithstanding that the word “person” occurs in a provision creating or relating to an offence or for the recovery of any fine or compensation.

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- (I) I/We acknowledge that I/we have received and read carefully a copy of the Specified Provisions, and understand that these sections (in particular, sections 378(1) and 379(1), (2) and (3) of the SFO and sections 53ZTW(1), (2) and (3) and 76B(1) and (2) of the AMLO) impose statutory obligations on me/us. I/We further confirm that I/we understand and agree to be bound by the Specified Provisions.
- (II) (1) I/We understand, acknowledge and agree that the Commission may terminate the engagement of me/us immediately if, in the Commission’s opinion:
- (a) I/We or (where applicable) any of our personnel (including any officer, employee, agent or consultant) is engaging in, has engaged in or is about to engage in acts or activities:
- (i) that constitute or are likely to constitute or cause the occurrence of an offence in Hong Kong (including any offence endangering national security);
- (ii) which would be contrary to the interest of national security or would bring Hong Kong, its Government or the Commission into disrepute; or
- (b) the continued engagement of me/us or (where applicable) any of our personnel or the continued performance of the service is contrary to the interest of national security.
- (2) In the event that the engagement of me/us is terminated in accordance with subparagraph (1) above, the Commission will not be liable to pay me/us any amount of money under the engagement.

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Signature

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Name / Entity name (as applicable)

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Name of authorized signatory (in the case of an entity)

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Title of authorized signatory (in the case of an entity)

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Date

Witnessed by:

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Signature

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