

1 FORM OF QUESTIONNAIRE/RFI

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#1. The observation on ATNS specification is that the specification is CISCO aligned. Please confirm is Cisco is a defined requirement or not? Specifically, EIGRP – if we go with other vendors outside CISCO, EIGRP will not be possible. Will this be an issue, or will we be ok using OSPF and BGP only. **Equivalent products utilising OSPF will be allowed without any prejudice.**

#2. What is connecting the sites together currently? Is there an existing WAN and will we be able to prioritize traffic on the existing WAN to ensure compliance with the underlying NTP requirements. **ATNS' IT existing infrastructure will be utilised and according to the IT specialists in a meeting held with them, will have enough bandwidth to accommodate NTP data as well as CMS data.**

#3. Will we be allowed to use a public cloud provider for the running of analyzer / monitoring systems? If not, is there space on the existing on-premise infrastructure for some VM's for this purpose, or should we include hardware and licensing for this platform. **Space will be made available for on-premises infrastructure for VM's, and yes, hardware and licensing should be included. No cloud provider services should be offered.**