



# ENTRY FORM – CIO CHOICE 2024

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## 1) CONTACT INFORMATION

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## 2) COMPANY INFORMATION

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| Company Name     |                                                                                               |
| Company Address  |                                                                                               |
| Billing Address  |                                                                                               |
| City             |                                                                                               |
| State            |                                                                                               |
| Postal Code/ ZIP |                                                                                               |
| Country          |                                                                                               |
| Company Category | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Enterprise* <input type="checkbox"/> Small & Medium Enterprise |
| Telephone No     |                                                                                               |
| GST Number       |                                                                                               |
| PAN Number       |                                                                                               |

\*To qualify as a Large Enterprise, the company needs to have >500 employees or an Annual Turnover of ≥ US\$ 15m in the Indian geography.

## 3) PRODUCT/ SERVICE/ SOLUTION DETAILS

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| Product/ Service/ Solution Name                                  |  |
| Brand Name (if different from above)                             |  |
| Recognition Category<br>(Please select from Category list below) |  |
| Date of Submission of Entry                                      |  |
| Date of Launch of Product/ Service/ Solution                     |  |
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### **4) PRODUCT/ SERVICE/ SOLUTION DESCRIPTION**

*You are requested to write a short description in the space below of your product/ service/ description, its innovative features & benefits and uniqueness in the ICT market. Please articulate and keep it simple, clear and concise. If your paragraph exceeds 100 words we reserve the right to reject your application.*

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| Authorized Signatory Name & Signature | Company Stamp/ Round Seal |

- Entry fee (non-refundable) for each product, solution and/ or service: INR. 70, 800.00 (INR. 60,000 + 18% Goods & Service Tax)
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## A) SOFTWARE VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No | Software Vendor Categories             | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| A1     | Customer Relationship Management       | Recognizes the preferred software solution designed to expand a company's knowledge and relationships with its current or potential customers and/or partners. Includes CRM, PRM, SFA, marketing automation, personalization products and services.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| A2     | Supply Chain Management                | Recognizes the preferred solution for coordination and collaboration with suppliers, partners, external service providers, and customers. The solution could include tracking of goods from sourcing raw materials, through manufacture, scheduling and delivery to the end customer.                                                                                                                                   |
| A3     | Content Management                     | Recognizes the preferred software solution that enables the creation, management and modification of information on the web, intranet, or other information resource. This includes content creation, categorization, workflow, publishing and delivery tools.                                                                                                                                                          |
| A4     | Database Solution                      | Recognizes the preferred solution for the storage, organization, management, search and retrieval of large quantities of data in a business environment for any range or combination of activities, including financial, contact, records management, research, documents, and other sources.                                                                                                                           |
| A5     | Document Management                    | Recognizes the preferred software solution/ service for managing the document life cycle, including the processes of retrieving, sharing, tracking, revising, and distributing documents and the information they contain.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| A6     | Business Intelligence                  | This category is for Business Intelligence and Knowledge Management applications that have enabled businesses to gain an advantage from understanding, measuring and capitalizing on the information they already possess in the organization to enhance and better their businesses.                                                                                                                                   |
| A7     | Unified Communications & Collaboration | Recognizes the preferred software solutions that enable organizations to improve their internal and external communications and collaboration activities, software solutions that integrate with communications technologies to transform the operations and business processes of the customer.                                                                                                                        |
| A8     | End Point Compression                  | Recognizes the preferred software vendors who have developed image compressions and capturing information at the Point of Transaction from virtually anywhere, and delivering it to enterprise applications thereby accelerating processes, minimizing latency, speeding transactions and reducing processing costs for better service.                                                                                 |
| A9     | Application Development Platform       | Recognizes the preferred software vendors who have an application development platform that enables ISVs to rapidly develop solutions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| A10    | Application Delivery Platform          | Recognizes the preferred hosting and cloud service providers who offer a delivery platform for ISVs to host and market their applications backed with scalability, and additional services for ISVs, such as security, storage, business continuity, market place and ecommerce.                                                                                                                                        |
| A11    | Enterprise Application Integration     | Recognizes the preferred provider of Enterprise Application Integration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| A12    | Big Data Solution                      | Recognizes the preferred solution for the storage, organization, management, search and retrieval of data so large and complex that it becomes difficult to process using on-hand database management tools or traditional data processing applications in a business environment for any range or combination of activities, including financial, contact, records management, research, documents, and other sources. |
| A13    | Business Analytics                     | Recognizes the preferred provider of Business Analytics Product and/ or Solution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| A14    | Secondary Sales Data Analysis          | Recognizes the preferred provider of Secondary Sales Data Analysis and/ or Solution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| A15    | Enterprise Email                       | Recognizes the preferred provider of Enterprise Email Solution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| A16    | Contact Center Solution                | Recognizes the preferred provider of Contact Center Solution.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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| A17 | HR & Global Payroll                 | Recognizes the preferred provider of HR & Global Payroll Solutions.                                                                                                           |
| A19 | Hospital Information Software (HIS) | Recognizes the preferred provider of Hospital Information Software (HIS)                                                                                                      |
| A20 | SD-WAN Platform                     | Recognizes the preferred provider of SD-WAN platform                                                                                                                          |
| A21 | Enterprise Resource Planning        | Recognizes the preferred provider of Enterprise Resource Planning solutions.                                                                                                  |
| A22 | Intelligent Analytics               | Recognizes the preferred provider of Intelligent analytics solutions                                                                                                          |
| A23 | Cloud Infrastructure Software       | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of software components that are needed to support the computing requirements of a cloud computing model                                 |
| A24 | Multi Cloud Management Platform     | Recognizes the preferred solution provider of a multi cloud management platform that offers a single management platform for all apps, data, and hybrid multi cloud services. |

### B) CLOUD SERVICES VENDOR CATEGORY

| Sr. No. | Cloud Services Vendor Categories | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| B1      | Public Cloud                     | Recognizes the preferred product/solution that delivers a public-cloud-based solution to organizations large or small. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the end-users of the service.                                                                                                                                                       |
| B2      | Private Cloud                    | Recognizes the preferred product/solution that delivers a private-cloud-based solution to organizations large or small. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the end-users of the service.                                                                                                                                                      |
| B3      | Hybrid Cloud                     | Recognizes the preferred product/solution that delivers a hybrid-cloud-based solution to organizations large or small. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the end-users of the service.                                                                                                                                                       |
| B4      | Mobile Cloud                     | Recognizes the preferred provider of Mobile Cloud solutions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| B5      | Community Cloud                  | Recognizes the preferred product/solution that delivers a community-cloud-based solution to organizations large or small. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the end-users of the service.                                                                                                                                                    |
| B6      | Multi Cloud                      | Recognizes the preferred provider of multiple cloud computing and storage services in a single heterogeneous architecture.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| B7      | Hybrid Multi Cloud               | Recognizes the preferred provider of Hybrid multi-cloud that pulls together multiple clouds and provides the tools to ensure interoperability between the various services in hybrid and multi-cloud solutions.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| B8      | Cloud Media                      | Recognizes exceptional efforts in optimizing and seamlessly transitioning media workflows onto cloud platforms.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| B9      | Multi Cloud Connect              | Recognises the solution that provides Multi Cloud Connect thereby, reducing the egress cost by using dedicated connections from edge, leading to more cost savings. It also provides a single pane of glass view to enable complete visibility into the network architecture for greater control and agility. It leverages deterministic routing to ensure that performance is never compromised. |

### C) HARDWARE, NETWORK & STORAGE VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Hardware, Network & Storage Vendor Categories | Description                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| C1      | Networking –Active                            | Recognizes the preferred product/solution in the active network components market. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the users of the product. |



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| C2  | Networking – Passive            | Recognizes the preferred product/solution in the passive network components market. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the users of the product.                                                                                    |
| C3  | Storage – Hardware              | Recognizes the preferred hardware product/solution in the IT storage market sector. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the users of the product.                                                                                    |
| C4  | Storage – Software              | Recognizes the preferred software product/solution in the IT storage market sector. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the users of the product.                                                                                    |
| C5  | Cloud Storage                   | Recognizes the preferred cloud product/solution in the IT storage market sector. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the users of the product.                                                                                       |
| C6  | Servers                         | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of future and next generation servers in the market sector.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| C7  | Thin Client                     | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of future and next generation thin clients in the market sector.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| C8  | Thick Client                    | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of future and next generation thick clients in the market sector.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| C9  | Laptop                          | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of future and next generation laptops in the market sector.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| C10 | Tablet                          | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of future and next generation tablets in the market sector.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| C11 | Mobile Device                   | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of future and next generation mobile devices in the market sector                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| C12 | Multifunction Device (MFD)      | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of future and next generation multifunctional <b>printers, all-in-one (AIO), or Multifunction Device (MFD)</b> in the market sector.                                                                                                              |
| C13 | Storage Virtualization          | Recognizes the preferred virtualization product/solution in the IT storage market sector. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the users of the product.                                                                              |
| C14 | General Purpose Disk Arrays     | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of General Purpose Disk Arrays that are designed to address shared storage requirements within a single system that can support multiple virtual or physical servers, hosted virtual desktop (HVD) infrastructures, multiple databases and files. |
| C15 | Internet Of Things (IoT)        | Recognizes the preferred provider of IoT - The network of physical objects or "things" embedded with electronics, software, sensors, and network connectivity, which enables these objects to collect and exchange data.                                                                |
| C16 | Graphics Workstation            | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of workstations configured for graphics works such as image manipulation, bitmap graphics, vector graphics, etc. type applications for high end computing. Such work requires a powerful CPU and a high-resolution display.                       |
| C17 | Cloud Infrastructure - Hardware | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of hardware components that are needed to support the computing requirements of a cloud computing model                                                                                                                                           |
| C18 | Enterprise Flash Storage        | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of flash storage for enterprises.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| C19 | Network Transformation          | Recognizes the preferred provider for Network Transformation                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| C20 | Scanner                         | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of scanners.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| C21 | Desktops                        | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of desktops.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| C22 | Displays Monitor                | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of display monitors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| C23 | Performance Workstations        | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of high-performance workstations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| C24 | Print & Cartridge Solution      | Recognizes the preferred provider of printer and cartridge solutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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## D) DATA CENTER & IT INFRASTRUCTURE VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Data Center & IT Infrastructure Vendor Categories | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| D1      | Data Center Power (UPS)                           | Recognizes the preferred product/solution that addresses the power requirements of the modern IT data center. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the users of the service in their Data center environment.                      |
| D2      | Data Center Cooling                               | Recognizes the preferred product/solution that addresses the cooling requirements of the modern IT data center. The product or solution must demonstrate competitive advantage and a measurable ROI to the users of the service in their Data center environment.                    |
| D3      | Data Center Managed Services Provider             | Recognizes the preferred provider of hosting/co-location services to end-user organizations/service providers that have a tangible benefit either in terms of cost savings or efficiency gains.                                                                                      |
| D4      | Enclosure Systems                                 | Recognizes the preferred provider of future-oriented enclosure technologies with perfection in ergonomics and handling.                                                                                                                                                              |
| D5      | Data Center Infrastructure Management             | Recognizes the preferred provider of IT and Facility Management disciplines to centralize monitoring, management and intelligent capacity planning of a data center's critical systems.                                                                                              |
| D6      | Data Center Consultant                            | Recognizes the preferred provider of consultancy services with core competencies in data centre - design, safety engineering, building services and network technology.                                                                                                              |
| D7      | Data Center Transformation Services               | Recognizes the preferred provider of Data Center Transformation Services.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| D8      | Infrastructure Appliance                          | Recognizes the preferred provider of Infrastructure Appliance that enables true, real-time, integrated monitoring, access and control across IT and facilities systems in the data center.                                                                                           |
| D9      | Power Distribution                                | Recognizes the preferred provider of reliable and efficient Power Distribution Units (PDUs).                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| D10     | Enterprise Infrastructure Automation Services     | Recognizes the preferred provider of Enterprise Infrastructure Automation Services.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| D11     | Integrated Data Center Solution                   | Recognizes the preferred provider of tailored solutions and services that help to efficiently & intelligently detect and respond to a wide variety of events that can threaten data centers' business continuity and profitability – all in compliance with regulatory requirements. |
| D12     | DRaaS                                             | Recognizes the preferred provider of Disaster Recovery-as-a-Service that allows organizational workloads to be replicated from virtual or physical environments to high-availability cloud infrastructure to ensure business continuity.                                             |
| D13     | Hyper-Convergence                                 | Recognizes the preferred provider of infrastructure systems with a software-centric architecture that tightly integrates compute, storage, networking and virtualization resources and other technologies from scratch in a commodity hardware box supported by a single vendor.     |
| D14     | Converged Infrastructure                          | Recognizes the preferred provider who is using an approach to data center management that seeks to minimise compatibility issues between servers, storage systems and network devices while also reducing costs for cabling, cooling, power and floor space.                         |
| D15     | Infrastructure Sustenance Services                | Recognizes the preferred provider of Infrastructure Sustenance Services.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



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| D16 | Infrastructure Transformation Services                     | Recognizes the preferred provider of Infrastructure Transformation Services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| D17 | Realtime Automatic Resource Adjustment                     | Recognizes the preferred provider of Real time Automatic Resource Adjustment with a built-in ability to automatically scale CPU and RAM on-demand.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| D18 | Engineered Solutions – Reference Architecture & Appliances | Recognizes the preferred provider of validated solutions - simplify the complex by reducing the “trial and error” guesswork, typically associated in running datacenter infrastructure. It works to comprehensively design and test engineered solutions and reference architectures, to meet varying consumption, design point and scale needs. The end result is greater efficiency, less risk and lower operating costs. |
| D19 | Data Center IT Management                                  | Recognizes the preferred provider of Data Center IT Management.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| D20 | Colocation                                                 | Recognizes the preferred provider of colocation services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| D21 | Hyper-scale Data Center                                    | Recognizes the preferred provider of hyper scale data center services catering to the complexity of new workloads and increasing demand from consumers - different server, network and IT needs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| D22 | Structured Cabling                                         | Recognizes the preferred provider of structured cabling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| D23 | Edge Computing Infrastructure                              | Recognizes the preferred provider of Edge Computing Infrastructure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| D24 | Integrated Infrastructure Services                         | Recognizes the preferred provider of Integrated Infrastructure Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| D25 | Hybrid Multi Cloud Infrastructure                          | Recognizes companies that offer tools, solutions and services for Hybrid Multi Cloud Infrastructure                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| D26 | Edge Data Center                                           | Recognizes the preferred provider of edge data center (small data center), located close to the edge of a network.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| D27 | Hyper Converged Appliances                                 | Recognizes the preferred provider of Hyper Converged Appliances                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| D28 | Hyperconvergence Software                                  | Recognizes the preferred provider of Hyperconvergence Software                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| D28 | Interconnection Data Centre                                | Recognizes the preferred provider of Interconnection Data Centre service / Solution                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

### E) SECURITY VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Security Vendor Categories              | Description                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| E1      | Information Security                    | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of information security products and services.                                                                                                     |
| E2      | Cloud & Virtualization Security         | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of cloud and virtualization security products and services.                                                                                        |
| E3      | Managed Security Services               | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of managed security services.                                                                                                                      |
| E4      | Network Security                        | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of network security services.                                                                                                                      |
| E5      | Data Protection Solutions               | Recognizes the preferred provider of comprehensive, simple and flexible data protection solutions.                                                                                                   |
| E6      | Endpoint Security                       | Recognizes the preferred provider of endpoint security.                                                                                                                                              |
| E7      | Managed Cyber Threat Detection Services | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of managed cyber threat detection services.                                                                                                        |
| E8      | DNS Security                            | Recognizes the preferred provider of DNS security.                                                                                                                                                   |
| E9      | Security- as-a-service                  | Recognizes the preferred provider of security as a service                                                                                                                                           |
| E10     | Identity Access Management (IAM)        | Recognizes the preferred provider of Identity and access management (IAM) covering products, processes, and policies used to manage user identities and regulate user access within an organization. |
| E11     | Threat management platform              | Recognises the preferred product/ solution for threat management as an approach to information security where a single hardware or software installation provides multiple security functions.       |
| E12     | DevSecOps                               | Recognizes DevSecOps solution providers                                                                                                                                                              |
| E13     | Application Security                    | Recognizes the preferred solution provider of Application security                                                                                                                                   |



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| E14 | Breach & Attack Simulation (BAS) | Recognizes the preferred solution of Breach and Attack Simulation (BAS) Tools that enable organizations to gain a deeper understanding of security posture vulnerabilities by automating testing of threat vectors such as external and insider, lateral movement, and data exfiltration. |
| E15 | Cloud SOC                        | Recognizes the solution that provides foundational identification, alerting, and remediation guidance for threats to your cloud environment.                                                                                                                                              |

### F) TELECOM SERVICES VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Telecom Services Vendor Categories     | Description                                                                                                                        |
|---------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| F1      | Telecom Carrier (Leased Lines)         | Recognizes the preferred provider of telecom services for Internet services - leased lines, etc.                                   |
| F2      | Telecom Carrier (Mobile access)        | Recognizes the preferred provider of telecom services for Internet services via Mobile / wireless / data cards etc.                |
| F3      | Telecom Carrier (International Access) | Recognizes the preferred provider of telecom services for global services.                                                         |
| F4      | Cloud Telephony                        | Recognizes the preferred provider of hosted telephony solutions like hosted IVR, number privacy, lead management, televoting, etc. |
| F5      | SIP Trunk                              | Recognizes the preferred provider of SIP trunking services to deliver fixed telephony to enterprises.                              |

### G) RISK MANAGEMENT VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Risk Management Vendor Categories                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| G1      | Disaster Recovery (DR)                                  | Recognizes the preferred provider of DR services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| G2      | Business Continuity Planning (BCP)                      | Recognizes the preferred provider of BCP services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| G3      | Governance Risk and Compliance                          | Recognizes the preferred provider of governance risk and compliance services.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| G4      | Business Service Continuity and Availability Management | This category recognizes the preferred vendor of 'Business Service Continuity and Availability Management' products that have addressed Real -Time visibility into Business Service Availability Assurance, Orchestration and Automation challenges; and have enabled better Real-time enterprise visibility to the CIOs in providing an architectural view of Business-IT relationship, calculating impact from financial perspective and providing Live BIA considering the interdependencies among different Applications' availability. This includes Financial Impact of any IT disruption, Automated Application dependency Discovery & Application Mapping and keeping them Real time for any changes, Single Click Switchover/Switchback/Failover through Mobile |
| G5      | Resiliency Automation Platform                          | Recognizes the preferred provider of Resiliency Automation Platform that brings together recovery, data protection, business continuity and data migration/replication into a single, unified and the most comprehensive resiliency automation platform across on-premises, hybrid, and multi-cloud environments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

### H) SYSTEM INTEGRATION VENDOR CATEGORIES



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| Sr. No. | System Integration Vendor Categories | Description                                  |
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| H1      | System Integrator                    | Recognizes the preferred systems integrator. |

### I) DATA RECOVERY VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Data Recovery Vendor Categories | Description                                                                                                         |
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| I1      | Data Recovery Solutions         | Recognizes the preferred data recovery solutions provider for products and services.                                |
| I2      | Zero Trust data Management      | Recognises the preferred Zero trust product/ solution as a viable mechanism for data management against ransomware. |

### J) VIRTUALIZATION VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Virtualization Vendor Categories | Description                                                                   |
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| J1      | Desktop Virtualization           | Recognizes the preferred desktop virtualization solutions/ services provider. |
| J2      | Server Virtualization            | Recognizes the preferred server virtualization solutions/ services provider.  |
| J3      | Virtual Workforce Solutions      | Recognizes the preferred virtual workforce solutions/ services provider.      |

### K) IT SERVICES VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | IT Services Vendor Categories                        | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| K1      | Database Solution Support Services                   | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of database support services and the range of models it provides for all types of customers including onsite and remote and hybrid.                           |
| K2      | Application Managed Services                         | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of managed application services across multiple platforms and the range of models it provides for all types of customers including onsite, remote and hybrid. |
| K3      | Quality Testing Services                             | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of quality testing services across multiple platforms and the range of models it provides for all types of customers including onsite, remote and hybrid.     |
| K4      | Managed IT Services                                  | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of managed IT services wherein monitoring /service desk /vendor management are done on site and the rest of services are managed by remote team.              |
| K5      | Service Assurance Program (Onsite Technical Support) | Recognizes the preferred provider for high tech technical support model where all the levels of expertise (L1/L2/L3) are made available onsite to manage the customer escalation and SLA.                       |
| K6      | Managed Network Services                             | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of end-to-end network services including day-to-day operation and management of the entire network infrastructure.                                            |
| K7      | Network Maintenance Services                         | Recognizes the preferred provider of Break fix maintenance service support and SLA Management for Network OEM's.                                                                                                |
| K8      | Content Delivery Network                             | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of content delivery network or content distribution network to end-users with high availability and high performance.                                         |
| K9      | Reverse Inventory Logistics                          | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of Reverse Inventory Logistics.                                                                                                                               |
| K10     | Information Technology Audit                         | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of audit services for Information Technology.                                                                                                                 |



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| K11 | Managed Print Services                          | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of managing print services.    |
| K12 | Managed Document Services                       | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of managing document services. |
| K13 | SD-WAN Services                                 | Recognizes the preferred provider of SD Wan services                             |
| K14 | Managed WiFi                                    | Recognizes the preferred provider of managed wi-fi.                              |
| K15 | Cloud EMail Implementation                      | Recognizes the preferred provider of Cloud EMail Implementation                  |
| K16 | Remote infrastructure monitoring service - RIMS | Recognizes the preferred provider of RIMS.                                       |
| K17 | Data Backup Services                            | Recognizes the preferred provider of data back up services.                      |
| K18 | DevOps                                          | Recognizes DevOps solution providers                                             |

### L) SaaS and CLOUD SOLUTIONS VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | SaaS and Cloud Solutions Vendor Categories | Description                                                                                                                         |
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| L1      | Core Banking Cloud Solution                | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of core banking cloud solutions.                                                  |
| L2      | Talent Management Cloud Solution           | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of talent management cloud solutions.                                             |
| L3      | Travel & Expense Management Cloud Solution | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of travel & expense management cloud solutions.                                   |
| L4      | Logistics Supply Chain Cloud Solution      | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of Logistics Supply Chain Cloud Solutions.                                        |
| L5      | IT Operations Management                   | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of IT Operations Management Solutions.                                            |
| L6      | E Procurement                              | Recognizes the preferred provider of E Procurement Solutions                                                                        |
| L7      | Human Resources Management Cloud Solution  | Recognizes the preferred provider of Human Resources Management Cloud Solution                                                      |
| L8      | Continuous learning Platform               | Recognizes the preferred provider of Continuous learning Platform                                                                   |
| L9      | DaaS (Desktop as a Service)                | Recognizes the preferred provider delivering virtual desktops to end users over the Internet, licensed with a per-user subscription |
| L10     | Smart Workflow                             | Recognizes companies that offer smart and intelligent workflow software and solutions                                               |
| L11     | Storage -as-a-service                      | Recognizes companies that offer storage-as-a-service                                                                                |
| L12     | Data Warehouse                             | Recognizes (cloud) Data warehouse solution providers                                                                                |
| L13     | Data Driven Solutions                      | Recognizes the preferred provider of a Data Driven Solutions.                                                                       |

### M) Advisory & Research VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Advisory & Research Vendor Categories | Description                                                                        |
|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| M1      | IT Advisory                           | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of IT Advisory Services.         |
| M2      | Business Technology Research          | Recognizes the preferred provider of a full range of Business Technology Research. |

### N) Emerging Technologies VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Emerging Technologies Vendor Categories | Description                                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| N1      | Augmented Reality (AR)                  | Recognizes the preferred provider of augmented reality.       |
| N2      | Artificial Intelligence (AI)            | Recognizes the preferred provider of artificial intelligence. |



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| N3  | Robotic Process Automation (RPA)        | Recognizes the preferred provider of robotic process automation.                                 |
| N4  | Blockchain                              | Recognizes the preferred provider of blockchain.                                                 |
| N5  | Digital Transformation Enabler          | Recognizes the preferred provider for enabling Digital Transformation.                           |
| N6  | Enterprise AI Assistance                | Recognizes the preferred provider Enterprise AI Assistance.                                      |
| N7  | Machine Learning (ML)                   | Recognizes the preferred provider for Machine Learning.                                          |
| N8  | Virtual Reality (VR)                    | Recognizes the preferred provider of virtual reality.                                            |
| N9  | Digital Process Re-engineering Platform | Recognizes the preferred provider of Digital Process Re-engineering Platform.                    |
| N10 | Mixed Reality                           | Recognizes the preferred provider of mixed reality                                               |
| N11 | Data Fabric                             | Recognizes the preferred provider of data fabric                                                 |
| N12 | Application Modernization               | Recognizes companies that provide tools, solutions and services for application modernization    |
| N13 | Infrastructure Modernization            | Recognizes companies that provide tools, solutions and services for Infrastructure modernization |
| N14 | Contact Center AI                       | Recognizes companies that provide AI-enabled contact center solutions.                           |

### O) Enterprise Mobility VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Enterprise Mobility Vendor Categories        | Description                                                                         |
|---------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| O1      | BYOD and Device Management                   | Recognizes the preferred provider for BYOD and Device Management.                   |
| O2      | Managed Mobility Services                    | Recognizes the preferred provider for Managed Mobility Services.                    |
| O3      | Mobile Application Development               | Recognizes the preferred provider for Mobile Application Development.               |
| O4      | Mobile Application Management                | Recognizes the preferred provider for Mobile Application Management.                |
| O5      | Mobile Business Intelligence                 | Recognizes the preferred provider for Mobile Business Intelligence.                 |
| O6      | Mobile Certification and Automation Services | Recognizes the preferred provider for Mobile Certification and Automation Services. |
| O7      | Mobile Security                              | Recognizes the preferred provider for Mobile Security.                              |
| O8      | Mobility Consulting                          | Recognizes the preferred provider for Mobility Consulting.                          |
| O9      | Enterprise Field Activity Management         | Recognizes the preferred provider for Enterprise Field Activity Management          |

### P) Collaboration and Work From Home VENDOR CATEGORIES

| Sr. No. | Collaboration and Work from Home Vendor Categories | Description                                                                                          |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P1      | Team Communication                                 | Recognizes the preferred provider for team communication tools and solutions for remote/ home users. |
| P2      | Video Conferencing                                 | Recognizes the preferred provider for video conferencing tools.                                      |
| P3      | Audio Conferencing                                 | Recognizes the preferred provider for audio conferencing tools.                                      |
| P4      | Instant Messaging                                  | Recognizes the preferred provider for instant messaging tools.                                       |
| P5      | Productivity Management                            | Recognizes the preferred provider for remote management of employee productivity.                    |
| P6      | Internet Connectivity                              | Recognizes the preferred provider of internet connectivity for home users.                           |
| P7      | Home UPS                                           | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of UPS devices for home users.                                 |
| P8      | Home Inverter                                      | Recognizes the preferred manufacturer of inverter devices for home users.                            |



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| P9  | Work Space Management          | Recognizes companies that provide software for management and optimization of workspaces                                                         |
| P10 | Secure Remote Workspace Access | Recognizes companies that offer security solutions/software that enable remote users to securely access corporate data, applications and assets. |
| P11 | Hybrid Workplace Solution      | Recognizes companies that offer                                                                                                                  |