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1. Introduction & Background

Royal Brunei Airlines (RB) Customer Service Centre seeks to implement a **standalone chatbot** to enhance customer experience, provide 24/7 automated assistance, and reduce routine load on call center agents.

Objectives:

- Deliver instant responses to FAQs and common inquiries.
- Reduce routine calls, emails, and WhatsApp traffic.
- Enable seamless escalation to live agents when required.

2. Functional Requirements

The chatbot must:

- Provide 24/7 automated support for common topics (fares, baggage, flight status, schedules, promotions, seat selection, etc.).
- Function uptime is 99.9%
- Understand natural language and provide accurate responses.
- Support multi-language: English, Malay, Chinese.
- Allow handovers to live agents with full conversation history.
- Ensure secure, compliant interactions.
- Be deployable across key channels: Website, WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram.

3. Non-Functional Requirements

- High availability and fast response times.
- Secure data handling and privacy compliance.
- Scalable architecture to support future growth.
- Ease of maintenance (content updates without vendor dependency).
- Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity - RTP/RPO, availability zones, backup frequency, failover mechanisms.


4. Integrations

- All system integrations must be performed through RB's approved API gateway or middleware. Direct database access is not permitted. Vendor must provide specifications for all integration endpoints.
- The chatbot platform must support structured export of interaction logs (intents, resolutions, sentiment, escalation metrics, etc) into R's Microsoft Fabric environment for enterprise reporting and analytics.

4.1 Internal Systems

- Microsoft 365 (Outlook, Teams, SharePoint).

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- Website and social media channels.
- CRM and ticketing systems. (customer profile & history)

4.2 Airline System (Mandatory)

- Passenger Service System (Hitit / Sabre / Amadeus) for:
 - ✓ PNR retrieval
 - ✓ Booking status
 - ✓ Ticket information
- Plusgrade (upgrade information)
- Loyalty Program (Royal Skies queries)
- Real-time flight status (BI operations feed), including delay/cancellation notifications.

5. Operational Requirements


- Supports high concurrent chat sessions.
- Supervisor dashboard for:
 - ✓ Conversation monitoring
 - ✓ Live traffic visibility
 - ✓ Manual intervention/agent takeover
- Editable conversation templates (no vendor dependency).
- Role-based access: Admin, Supervisor, Agent.
- Full conversation logs for audit and reporting.
- Conversation logs backup

6. Performance & Quality

- Minimum intent accuracy of 85–90%.
- Response time under 1 second.
- Continuous AI learning from past interactions.
- Reliable fallback responses when unsure (no dead-end replies).

7 Reporting & Analytics

- Automated analytics: Total conversations
- ✓ Deflection rate
- ✓ Peak hours
- ✓ Top inquiry topics
- ✓ Customer sentiment
- Exportable reports (Excel, PDF).
- KPI tracking aligned with CSC targets (FCR, handling time, volume by channel).
- System health check and up time statistic

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8 Security & Compliance

- Data residency options aligned with RB policy.
- Secure API integrations.
- Annual Security access review
- Annual Penetration testing for the platform
- Compliance with industry standards: **GDPR / PDPA / PDPO**.
- No unnecessary storage of sensitive personal data.

9 Customisation & Branding

- Use RB branding (logo, colors, tone of voice).
- Customizable responses aligned with RB SOP and guidelines.
- Ability to update or add new modules without redevelopment.

10 Optional (But Highly Recommended)

- Voicebot capability (IVR automation).
- AI summarisation for agent handover.
- Knowledge Base integration.
- WhatsApp Template Automation (reminders, payment links).
- Internal chatbot for staff support (IT, HR, leave info).
- AI capabilities model training


11 Vendor Qualifications

- Experience with chatbot projects.
- Understanding of airline systems and PSS integration.
- Ability to provide local and remote support.

12 Submission Instructions

Proposals must include:

- Technical approach and solution design.
- Implementation roadmap and timeline.
- Pricing (set-up, licensing, annual support).
- References from similar deployments.

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13 Implementation & Support Expectations

Vendor proposals should outline:

1. Deployment strategy (phased or full rollout).
2. Training plan for agents and administrators.
3. SLAs for technical and functional support.
4. Risk mitigation for downtime and outages.

14 RFP Timeline

- Issuance: **20 Dec 2025**
- Q&A Deadline: **25 Jan 2026**
- Submission Deadline: **15 Feb 2026**
- Online Presentation to Evaluation Committee: **Feb 2026**
- Selection of Top Bidders: **Feb 2026**
- Contract Negotiation and Execution: **Feb-Mar 2026**
- Presentation to IT Steering: **Mar 2026**
- Presentation to TC: **Apr 2026**
- Contract Commencement: **May-Jun 2026**

15 Submission Procedure

This RFP aims to identify and select a qualified vendor to deliver a standalone **Customer Service Center Chatbot solution** for Royal Brunei Airlines.


Submission Requirements:

- Vendors must submit a **complete proposal** including:
 - Technical approach and solution overview.
 - Implementation timeline and milestones.
 - Pricing details (set-up, licensing, support).
 - References from similar projects.
- Proposals must be submitted by **31 January 2026**.
- **Submission Email:** Tender@rba.com.bn
- **Queries:** All questions must be sent via email to Procurement@rba.com.bn

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