

THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT ICTA-PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UNIT

Name of Assignment: Provision of Internet Capacity (LOT 1: Supply and Delivery of Primary Internet Capacity (Internet Protocol Transit) for One Government Network and LOT 2: Supply and Delivery of Secondary Internet Capacity (Internet Protocol Transit) for One Government Network)

RFB Reference No.: KE-ICTA-443118-NC-RFB

Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: IDA 7289-KE and 7290-KE

Country: Kenya Date: 16th April 2025

To All Interested Bidders

RE: CLARIFICATION OF RFB DOCUMENT THROUGH ADDENDUM NO. 1

In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders ITB 8 [Clarification of Bidding Document], the Client has amended Section II - Bid Data Sheet (BDS) of the issued RFB Document:

S/No	Section	Reference to approved SPD	ICTA Comments/amendments
1.		Kindly clarify whether ICT Authority has its own IP Block (/22) and an ASN for this project	ICT Authority has an existing ASN & IPv4 Block but lacks an IPv6 block.
			In accordance with the RFB requirements, the procurement of additional IPv4 and a new IPv6 blocks will be undertaken to meet the increasing connectivity demands of schools, government institutions and other designated entities.
2.	Reference: ITB 31.2 pg. 42,43,55 Reference: Page 93:	If a bidder already has own POP that has valid support present, can they use this node, or must a new one be procured?	At least two (2) Network direct peering with international tier 1 carrier with routes to Europe and Asia.

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			ICTA has established PoPs as specified in the RFB. The bidder shall provide internet services at the existing ICTA PoPs, ensuring compliance with the specifications outlined in the RFB.
3.		Shall Gok/ICTA have their own Internet Gateway Router in Treasury and Ardhi House Nairobi or is the bidder required to provide one, own it and run it on behalf of Gok. This will assist clarify on Page 94 [(b) LOT 2: Secondary IP Transit for One Government Network. A. SCOPE, Clause 8] referring to the bidder must provide a comprehensive overview of the proposed solution including equipment software upgrades etc. and requirements on /22 blocks and Technical Assistance Center Support services	There is existing Internet Gateway Routers in Treasury & Ardhi House, Nairobi
4.		Is the objective to setup the solution as per the depicted High-Level Design in pg. 99 that uses government infrastructure or are we including submarine?	
5.		Kindly confirm, If it's IPT, must we use the Govt Capacity to Fujaira. Will it be okay if bidder sourcies for capacity anywhere and delivering to the 2 sites?	Refer to the amendment Addendum No.2.
6.		What is the projected year on year increase in demand for Internet capacity.	The bidder to provide the best competitive scalable solution.
7.		One of the 10G in Lot 2 is to be done to KIXP, the other is to a CDN, do you have a preferred CDN provider?	There is no preferred CDN provider. Bidders are required to propose a solution that ensures optimal traffic utilization.
8.		LOT 2 has a requirement for a bandwidth manager. What links are required to be	Refer to the amendment Addendum No.2.

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		managed? The link to be supplied only or are there other links that will be integrated to this bandwidth manager?	
9.		What intra-site resilience is required?	100% Failover
10.		Is there a requirement for Anti-DDoS in LOT 2 at this stage?	No DDoS requirements; however, bidders must ensure compliance with cybersecurity risk management practices and proactively address any foreseeable cybersecurity risks and mitigation measures while provisioning internet services.
11.		Is there already a bandwidth manager at Treasury? If yes, what model and is it required to work with the new one at Ardhi house?	
12.		Will you configure and maintain the bandwidth manager yourselves?	All equipment provided shall be managed and supported by the provider for the entire period of the Contract
13.		How many 100G interfaces are required on the internet gateway router?	Bidders are required to incorporate their proposed solution in the network topology.
14.		How many 100G transceivers are required on the internet gateway router	Bidders are required to incorporate their proposed solution in the network topology.
15.		How many 10G interfaces are required on the internet gateway router?	Bidders are required to incorporate their proposed solution in the network topology.
16.		How many 10G transceivers are required on the internet gateway router?	Bidders are required to incorporate their proposed solution in the network topology.
17.		Will ICTA/GOK own and operate the Bandwidth Management device and software, or this will be owned and operated by the ISP?	
18.		filtering device and software, or this will be owned and operated by the ISP?	
19.		On AFRINIC-Is ICTA/GOK eligible for discounts/any type of discount from AFRINIC?	

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20.		Are the resources required from AFRINIC to be used as a Local Internet Registry-(LIR) or as End User-(EU)	
21.		member of AFRINIC. Could the IP block be	The bidder shall collaborate with ICTA to complete the justification process, with the bidder covering the cost of AFRINIC resources.
22.		Can one ISP be awarded both LOTs 1 and 2	NO limitation on award
23.		Is the Bandwidth management device and content filtering device also required for LOT1, on only LOT 2	Refer to Specific Requirements on LOT 1 & LOT2 and Addendum No. 2
24.		Is an NMS required for the two devices requested on Page	Refer to RFB on Technical Requirement

This addendum No. 1 forms part of the issued RFB document. All other terms and conditions of the issued RFB document remain unchanged.

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