



THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT ICTA-PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UNIT

**Name of Assignment:** Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Virtual Laboratory (VR) Equipment for Simulation-Based Training in TVETs Institutions

**RFP Reference No.:** KE-ICTA-553315-GO-RFB

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

**Country:** Kenya

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

To: All Interested Bidders

**CLARIFICATION FOR REQUEST FOR BIDS DOCUMENT THROUGH CLARIFICATION NO. 3**

In accordance with Instructions to Bidders (ITB) 7, the Client has amended the issued RFB Document as shown below:

| S/No | Section of Bidding Document                                 | Bidders Clarification                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ICTA's Response                                                            |
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| 1    | <b>REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE BID SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b> | <p>We respectfully request, pursuant to ITB 22.2, a fourteen (14) day extension of the bid submission deadline from 29 July 2026 to 12 August 2026. Our request is grounded in considerations that affect all serious bidders equally:</p> <p>(a) Manufacturer's Authorization Forms are mandatory for four equipment categories (VR headsets,</p> | The bid submission deadline remains the same on 29th July 2026 at 10.00 am |

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|   |                                                                                    | <p>workstations, interactive displays and UPS), together with two-year extended warranty commitments for the headsets. These originate from international OEM channels whose processing timelines extend beyond the current bidding period.</p> <p>(b) A credible delivery, installation and commissioning plan covering all thirty institutions nationwide – including sites in Turkana, Mandera, Garissa and Samburu, each subject to on-site inspection and testing – requires preparation time commensurate with the Purchaser's own quality expectations.</p> <p>(c) Bank guarantee issuance for the bid security follows standard banking timelines that compress bidders' effective preparation window.</p> <p>A modest extension will widen effective competition and improve the quality and pricing of responsive bids received, consistent with the World Bank's core procurement principles of value for money, economy and fair opportunity.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 2 | <b>2. REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION — WORKSTATION SPECIFICATION (MINIMUM STANDARD)</b> | <p>We further suggest a small clarification to the workstation specification – with no change in quantities and no increase in the Purchaser's budget. All 450 headsets, 60 workstations and every other item remain exactly as tendered.</p> <p>Our suggestion is only that the RFB make explicit what it already implies: that the workstation specification is a minimum, and that bidders offering a higher-capability GPU shall not be penalised as non-responsive.</p> <p>The benefit to your institutions is direct. A standalone</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>The specifications provided are the minimum technical requirements that are acceptable. The bidder has the liberty to propose equipment of higher technical requirements when bidding.</p> |

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|  |  | <p>headset holds only 30-60 high-fidelity engineering modules at a time; a GPU workstation holds a complete library of over 2,500 practicals, permanently and offline – so an instructor can move from welding to hydraulics to electrical fault-finding in a single session, with no downloads and no internet dependency.</p> <p>It also changes when your students benefit. Full engineering, polytechnic and vocational curricula already exist today, built for GPU workstations, and deploy from Day One. On standalone devices, each module must be rebuilt individually – meaning a simplified curriculum years from now instead of a complete one at commissioning.</p> <p>Finally, it protects the investment: with a standard chassis and adequate power supply – costing nothing extra today – these laboratories can be refreshed in three years by changing a single component, rather than replacing all 60 machines.</p> <p>In short: same quantities, same budget – but more trades covered, more students trained per laboratory, and a facility that stays current for years longer.</p> <p>We respectfully request that any decision on the above be communicated to all bidders by addendum in accordance with ITB 8, so that all participants bid on equal terms.</p> |  |
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**This clarification No. 3 forms part of the issued RFB document. All other terms and conditions of the issued RFB remain unchanged.**

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