

ADDENDUM NO.1

TENDER NO. ICTA/OT/13/2022-2023

DATE: 15th February, 2023

TENDER NAME: PROCUREMENT OF DIGITAL SUPERHIGHWAY-BACKBONE & METRO

S.No	BIDDER'S CONCERNS/OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS	CLARIFICATION/ RESPONSE
1.	<p>ITT 4.1 Maximum number of members in the JV shall be: 2 MUST avail a Joint Venture Agreement. The Prime/Lead partner will be evaluated at the mandatory and Financial stage while at the technical evaluation stage the partners will be Evaluated jointly.</p>	<p>ITT 4.1 Maximum number of members in the JV shall be: 2 MUST avail a Joint Venture Agreement. The Prime/Lead partner will be evaluated at the Preliminary/Mandatory and Financial Evaluation stage while at the technical evaluation stage the partners will be evaluated jointly.</p>
2.	<p>Must all the Joint Venture partners have the statutory registration documents listed in the preliminary evaluation criteria</p>	<p>The Lead/Prime partner must meet all the preliminary/mandatory requirements</p>
3.	<p>Can a Joint Venture partner participate in multiple bids? One of the partners bidding as a Prime partner in one LOT and appears in another LOT as secondary partner</p>	<p>In case of a Joint Venture, the partners participating in one LOT are not allowed to participate in other LOTs</p>
4.	<p>In the tender document under Invitation to Tender (ITT), the tender security is indicated as Kshs. 100,000.00 while in the Tender Data Sheet you have indicated the Tender Security as Kshs. 1,000,000.00. Kindly clarify which is the correct figure</p>	<p>The correct Tender Security amount should be Kshs. 1,000,000.00 (One Million Shillings) in the form of a bank Guarantee from a reputable bank/financial institution recognized by the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) or an insurance Bond from an Insurance Company Registered and Licensed by the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) valid for 156 days from the date of tender opening.</p>

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5.	Kindly clarify on item 2.3 on Optical and Electrical expansion card	<p>In DWDM (Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing) systems, optical and electrical racks are used for different purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Optical racks are used for transmitting and receiving optical signals, which are carried by light waves of different wavelengths. These racks contain various components such as optical amplifiers, optical filters, optical switches, optical multiplexers, and demultiplexers. 2. Electrical racks are used for processing electrical signals, which are generated by converting optical signals into electrical signals using photo detectors. These racks contain components such as electrical amplifiers, electrical filters, and electrical switches
6.	Ref. 2.3 Page 43 - Clarification to Provide 100G Card in place of the required 40G Expansion Card	All the cards as listed in the BoQ (10, 40, 100G) must be provided and quoted for in the pricelist
7.	Ref. 4.5 Page 49 - Clarification on Provision of Integrated Power Solution	Provision of an integrated power solution is accepted but must meet all the power requirements in reference 4.5
8.	Power monitoring Solution	All power monitoring solution must be remotely monitored. The bidder must ensure all installed power equipment and solution are onboarded and monitored at the network operation centre (NOC)
9.	Page 52 and 90, there is a discrepancy on supply and installation of FOC. On the Price Schedule, the item listed is installation but on the scope of work, supply is included	The scope of work on page 90 has been amended to read: Installation of fiber optic cable from existing NOFBI manholes/service point/point of presence to new sites as per ICTA standards.
10.	Who is responsible for transportation of materials to site?	The bidders shall be responsible for all in land transportation to the site (both for client supplied materials & bidder supplied materials)
11.	Integration to the existing infrastructure	All equipment supplied must comply with OSI standards

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12.	<p>Page 46,</p> <p>It is the role of the contractor to ensure all installed equipment are onboarded on existing NOC.</p>	<p>It is not a requirement to integrate to the existing network management system, but the bidder must ensure all installed equipment are onboarded and monitored at the network operation centre (NOC)</p> <p>(Provide a commitment letter)</p>
13.	<p>Supply of Parts of DWDM.</p> <p>Since the supply of parts of DWDM equipment depends on the distances involved, how are the bidders supposed to know the distances to be connected.</p>	<p>It is to be noted that DWDM equipment shall apply for distances between 80km to 140km.</p>
14.	<p>Under vendor evaluation in technical evaluation, on performance on similar projects, are Internet Service Providers required to provide copies of LPOs and LSOs?</p> <p>Internet Service Providers only issue these documents but are not issued directly to them.</p>	<p>For Internet Service Providers (ISP)</p> <p>a. Provide similar projects</p> <p>i) Maintain a Minimum of 3,000 customers in the last 1 year from the closing date of this tender. OR</p> <p>ii) Maintain a Minimum of 1,500 customers each in the last 2 consecutive years</p> <p>Similarity being in complexity and scope. This must involve supporting and implementation of IP network, GPON network and ADSS FOC stringing. (The bidder should provide current certified Communication Authority of Kenya returns showing existing customers, NMS reports and Network Asset Ownership insurance)</p>
15.	<p>Are bidders allowed to quote in a Foreign Currency?</p>	<p>Yes. The currency(ies) of the Tender shall be converted into a single currency as follows:</p> <p>Kenya Shillings</p> <p>The currency that shall be used for Tender evaluation and comparison purposes to convert all Tender prices expressed in various currencies into a single currency is: Kenya Shillings.</p> <p>The source of exchange rate shall be: Central Bank of Kenya</p> <p>The date for the exchange rate shall be: 21st February, 2023 12:00 PM</p>

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16.	Tender Forms Is a bidder required to fill the forms in mandatory/preliminary evaluation criteria only or all forms in the tender document?	All forms in the mandatory/preliminary evaluation criteria are to be filled. In addition, all required forms in the tender document (technical and financial stage) are to be filled.

The addendum & clarification form part of the bidding document and is binding on all bidders. All other terms and conditions of the tender remain the same.

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