

Ref: CA/SCM/OT/35/2023-2024

15th January 2023

Addendum No. 7

To All Bidders,

REF: RESPONSE TO ALL BIDDERS-CA/SCM/OT/35/2023-2024 TENDER FOR SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF AN OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCES PORTAL (OER) AND ASSOCIATED HARDWARE

Please refer to the above-mentioned tender that appeared in MY GOV on 5th December 2023.

The information here below is provided Pursuant to item 5 of Invitation to Tender; ITT 9.1; ITT 8.4 (Data Sheet), Section 1-clause 9 (Clarification of Documents) and clause 10- (Amendment of tender Documents) of the Tender for Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of an Open Education Resources Portal (OER) and Associated Hardware.

The Authority wishes to respond to the clarifications sought by some prospective bidders as follows: -

No.	Clarification sought	Response by CA
1.	In Addendum 1 you stated that the E-CSP Licence issued by CA is mandatory and required to be provided by the lead bidder. However, there are only three companies in Kenya with E-CSP licences which would mean that only three companies can bid for this tender. We request that either the E-CSP requirement be removed totally or else the E-CSP be allowed by the JV partner.	The requirement for the E-CSP License has been dropped from the mandatory requirement considering there are only four firms currently with this license.
2.	In addendum 6, the Leaf switches have substituted with FC SAN switches, how will the servers connect to these SAN switches since the servers don't have FC HBA cards?	Bidders are expected to quote for the SAN switches with all their accessories including fibre cables, FC connectors and an FC HBA card for each server.
3.	In addendum 6, the optics part on the SAN Switches is ambiguous since it mentions 8Gb/s and 16Gb/s. Please specify the required Optics speed and quantity, if 8Gb/s specify quantity and if 16Gb/s specify quantity	Bidders are expected to quote for a minimum 16 Gb FC SFP+ transceivers: 16/8/4 Gbps auto-sensing.

4.	We just need some clarification or redirection, under the OPEN EDUCATION RESOURCE (OER) PLATFORM (EOR), Security section, roman number LXIX (page 149); you have a requirement that “The OER platform must be compatible with the existing KEC portals”, this requirement is vague and your document does not provide a manual, white paper, or actual reference or link to the KEC Portals. How can we meet this requirement given that we don’t know what those portals are? In addition, what is the evaluation criteria for this requirement?	During the development of the portal the developer will be required to liaise with KICD to agree on how the integration with the KICD portals will be done.
5.	You have substituted leaf switches with FC SAN switches; How will the servers connect to these SAN switches since they don’t have FC HBA cards	Bidders are expected to quote for the SAN switches with all their accessories including fibre cables, FC connectors and an FC HBA card for each server.
6.	The optics specified on the SAN switches (8Gb/s and 16Gb/s) please specify the required Optics, if is 8Gb/s specify quantity and if 16Gb/s specify quantity	Bidders are expected to quote for a minimum 16 Gb FC SFP+ transceivers: 16/8/4 Gbps auto-sensing.
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ALL other conditions of the Tender remain unchanged



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