THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

KENYA DIGITAL ECONOMY ACCELERATION PROJECT ICTA-PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UNIT

Name of Assignment: Framework Agreement for Extending National Backbone & Cross Border Links
RFP Reference No.: KE-ICTA-538567-NC-RFB
Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: IDA 7289-KE and 7290-KE
Country: Kenya
Date: 5th November 2026

To: All Interested Bidders

AMENDMENT OF THE REQUEST FOR BIDS DOCUMENT THROUGH ADDENDUM NO. 2

In accordance with Instructions to Bidders (ITB) 8, the Client has amended the issued RFB Document as shown below:

S/No	Section of Bidding Document	Original Minimum Requirements	Amended Minimum Requirements
1.	Section III: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, including the personnel requirements, Item 3.5, and Criterion 3B; and the corresponding 24/7	Professional Team – NOC Operators- At least 5 operators with at least seven years of experience, ≥5 years' experience managing ≥300 kms fibre. Deliverable: CVs, certificates.	For both Lot 1 and Lot 2, Section III, Item 3.5, is amended and clarified as follows: The bidder shall propose a minimum of five (5) NOC Operators. This is a mandatory minimum staffing requirement for each Lot for which the Bidder submits a bid. The Bidder shall demonstrate how its proposed staffing, shift rotation and relief arrangements will support continuous 24/7 network operations, including coverage during leave and absence. Compliance with this minimum

Official Use Only

S/No	Section of Bidding Document	Original Minimum Requirements	Amended Minimum Requirements
	operational requirements in Section VII (both Lots).		requirement does not replace or reduce the separate obligation to demonstrate an existing 24/7 operations and maintenance service under Section III, Item 2.2, and the corresponding operational requirements in Section VII. Of the five (5) NOC Operators, the Bidder shall designate two (2) as Key NOC Operators for individual evaluation and scoring under Criterion 3B (Key Personnel Team) for the relevant Lot. The Bidder shall submit the required CVs, qualifications, certificates, and experience evidence for all five (5) NOC Operators. The two designated Key NOC Operators shall be assessed for the marks allocated to NOC Operators under Criterion 3B. Accordingly, "NOC Operators – 2 No." in the personnel requirements means the two Key NOC Operators submitted for individual scoring. It shall not be interpreted as reducing the mandatory minimum staffing requirement of five (5) NOC Operators or the obligation to maintain 24/7 network operations and relief coverage. - All other qualification and experience requirements applicable to NOC Operators remain unchanged.
2.	**Section III: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria.** **Technical Part**	The figures for each of the members of a joint venture shall be added together to determine the Bidder's compliance with the minimum qualifying criteria of (a), (b) and (e); however, for a joint venture to qualify the member in charge must meet at least 10 percent of those minimum criteria for an individual Bidder and other members at least 25% of the criteria. Failure to comply with this requirement will	The requirement is amended to read: The figures for each of the members of a joint venture shall be added together to determine the Bidder's compliance with the minimum qualifying criteria of (a), (b) and (c); however, for a joint venture to qualify the member in charge must meet at least 10 percent of those minimum criteria for an individual Bidder and other members at least 25% of the criteria. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in rejection of the joint venture's Bid.

Official Use Only

S/No	Section of Bidding Document	Original Minimum Requirements	Amended Minimum Requirements
		result in rejection of the joint venture's Bid.	
3.	Section III: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, Item 1.2; and the corresponding licensing provisions in Section VII for Lot 1 and Lot 2.	Licensing- Firm must hold a minimum of Tier 3 NFP license from CA (or international equivalent with a commitment to obtain a Kenyan license) for National Backbone fibre link and Tier 2 NFP for Cross-Border links. Deliverable: Copy of valid license or authorization letter.	The licensing requirements in Section III, Item 1.2, and the corresponding provisions of Section VII are amended and clarified as follows: 1. Required licence tier: The required Communications Authority of Kenya Network Facilities Provider licence is Tier 3 for Lot 1, National Backbone Links, and Tier 2 for Lot 2, Cross-Border and Metro Links. 2. Licence at bid submission: A Kenyan NFP licence is not required at the time of bid submission. 3. Evidence from an already licensed Kenyan bidder: A Kenyan bidder that already holds the required licence shall submit a copy of its valid Communications Authority of Kenya NFP licence for the relevant Lot, namely Tier 3 for Lot 1 or Tier 2 for Lot 2. 4. Evidence from a foreign or otherwise unlicensed bidder: The Bidder shall submit (a) proof of legal registration; (b) a valid telecommunications operator authorization or licence from its country of origin, where applicable; and (c) a signed Letter of Commitment confirming that it will obtain and present the required Communications Authority of Kenya NFP licence for the relevant Lot before execution of any corresponding Call-off Contract. 5. Call-off timing: A Framework Agreement Service Provider may participate in the Multi-Round Reverse Auction through the Electronic Auction Platform. However, before the relevant Call-off Contract is signed, the selected Service Provider shall present a valid Tier 3 NFP licence for a Lot 1 Call-off Contract or a valid Tier 2 NFP licence for a Lot 2 Call-off Contract.

Official Use Only

S/No	Section of Bidding Document	Original Minimum Requirements	Amended Minimum Requirements
			6. Failure to produce the licence: If the selected Service Provider does not present the required valid licence before the deadline for signing the Call-off Contract, the Call-off Contract shall not be executed with that Service Provider. The Employer may withdraw the proposed Call-off award and proceed in accordance with the applicable secondary procurement provisions, including consideration of the next eligible provider or re-running the secondary procurement process, as appropriate. All references in Section VII to obtaining the Kenyan licence "prior to contract execution" shall mean prior to execution of the corresponding Call-off Contract, not prior to conclusion of the Framework Agreement.

This Addendum No. 2 forms part of the issued RFB document. All other terms and conditions of the issued RFB remain unchanged.

Jessy K. Maruti
Chief Executive Officer
ICT AUTHORITY

Official Use Only