



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR AGRICULTURE
ADDENDUM 3- Clarifications

The State department for Agriculture, wishes to inform prospective bidders that the tender no: **KE-MOALF-533751-NC-RFB; Design, development and installation of an Integrated Sacco Core Banking System** has received some requests for clarifications. We wish to provide responses as tabulated below:

Sr. No.	Clause/Point no. as per RFP	Query	Response/clarification
1	7. All Bids must be accompanied by a "Bid Security "of Kes 830,000 (Kenya Shillings Eight Hundred and Thirty Thousand).	Please clarify whether we can submit the Bid security in USD, equivalent to KES 830,000?	<p>1. Yes. The Bid Security may be submitted either in Kenya Shillings (KES 830,000) or in its equivalent value in a freely convertible currency (e.g., USD). Where submitted in USD or another freely convertible currency, the equivalent amount shall be determined using the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) exchange rate prevailing on the date of issuance of the Bid Security.</p> <p>2. The Bid Security shall be issued by a reputable financial institution in accordance with ITB 20.1. The Bid Security amount shall be KES 830,000 or its equivalent</p>
2	<p>ITB 20.1</p> <p>A Bid Security shall be required from a reputable financial Institution.</p> <p>A Bid-Securing Declaration shall not be required.</p> <p>The amount and currency of the Bid Security shall be Kes 830,000 (Kenya Shillings Eight Hundred and Thirty Thousand).</p>	<p>We request you to kindly treat this query as urgent, as the Bank requires a minimum of 14 days to process the Bid Security Bank Guarantee.</p>	

			<p>in USD (or another freely convertible currency), determined using the prevailing CBK exchange rate on the date of issuance. All other requirements relating to the validity and format of the Bid Security remain unchanged.</p> <p>3. The deadline for submission of bids remains 2nd July 2026 at 11.00am East African Time.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Costs MUST reflect prices and rates quoted in accordance with ITB 17 and ITB 18.</p> <p>1. Hardware Maintenance</p>	<p>Please clarify whether IT hardware is part of scope for this Tender?</p> <p>We understand that we are required to provide the sizing specifications of the IT hardware for both the Data Center (DC) and Disaster Recovery (DR) site for the solution offered by us. The DC & DR are in place .</p> <p>We also understand that the CBS Solution is required to be hosted at your DC/DR environment, and that 275 SACCOs will use the solution from the said environment through separate instances.</p>	<p>IT hardware procurement is not part of the scope of this Tender. Bidders shall provide the system architecture, infrastructure sizing, and hardware specifications required to support the proposed solution.</p> <p>The successful bidder shall be responsible for hosting the Production environment based on the system requirements of the proposed solution throughout the contract period, including the provision, management, maintenance, security, backup, and operational support of the hosting infrastructure.</p> <p>The Disaster Recovery (DR) environment shall be hosted at the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) Data Centre in Kenya. The successful bidder shall configure, integrate, test, and</p>

		<p>maintain the DR environment to ensure compliance with the required Recovery Point Objective (RPO) and Recovery Time Objective (RTO) as specified in the Tender Documents.</p> <p>The solution shall support all 275 SACCOS within the hosted environment, ensuring logical separation, security, and scalability in accordance with the bidder's proposed architecture.</p>
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