



SADC PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES CENTRE RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS

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CONTRACT TITLE: SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, CONFIGURATION & COMMISSIONING OF ICT NETWORK EQUIPMENT

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No.	Question	Response
1.	We see you have mentioned CISCO equipment by name in in the procurement documents. Would you consider an alternative manufacturer such as - Fortinet?	No. We have existing CISCO equipment which has reached end of life which we are replacing with recommended CISCO compatible replacement parts.
2.	Do you want the pre-installed DNA, or do you guys have Smart Account?	Yes we need a pre-installed DNA. We do not have a Smart Account established.
3.	For most of our corporate clients, we do not have "traditional" reference letters because these are against our clients' internal corporate policy, however, we can provide proof of work in the form of Appointment Letters, Purchase Orders, Signed Delivery Notes, Acceptance Documents or Screenshots of Acceptance Emails, Remittance documents. Will we be penalised in evaluation scoring if we provide the aforementioned proof without "traditional" reference letters?	As stated under ITB 10.1 (h) (v) Contracts or Purchase orders will be accepted.
4.	The switches required in the tender "WS-C2960X-24PSL-RF Catlyst2960-X 24GigEPoE 370W 4x1G SFP LANBase REMANUFACTURED" have reached end-of-life, end-of-warranty and end-of-sale, meaning that Cisco no longer sells this specific model. Please provide an updated specification or Can bidders propose a new version of the Cisco switch?	Yes bidders can provide next available replacement switch with same specifications of 24 port.
5.	Is there existing LAN cabling in the SPGRC Office for the four (4) Wifi Access Points? if not, please provide the distances from cabinet to each wifi Access Point?	Yes we have existing LAN cabling to all the four access points
6.	Can bidders assume that there is already an existing cabinet at SPGRC and enough rack space allocated to the wifi controller and the three (3) switches required?	Yes there is an existing cabinet and rack space allocated to the wifi controller.
7.	Is the bidder required to provide patch leads for the cabinet installation? if so, which CAT is required?	No we do not need patch leads. We have existing patch leads.
8.	Is the bidder required to provide rackmount PDU? if so, please indicate size and quantity.	No. Bidders are not required to provide rack mount PDUs.

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9.	What type of fibre connectors are currently in use at SPGRC Office?	SPGRC is currently using Lucent connectors.
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End of Responses
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