

9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**CLARIFICATIONS TO QUESTIONS ON EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE DESIGN, SUPPLY,  
INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING, OPERATION AND SUPPORT OF INTERNET AND BACKHAUL  
CONNECTIVITY TO FACILITIES IN 61 VILLAGES**

	Questions	Answers
1.	<p>Could you kindly help clarify the below questions regarding the above mentioned EOI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the Expression of Interest open to International Companies?</li> <li>• What Is equivalent to the BOCRA License and PPADB codes required in the EOI for International Companies?</li> </ul>	<p>The Bidder should be licenced by BOCRA and BOCRA licence Companies that are registered in Botswana.</p>
2.	<p>This is a request for an extension for EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING, OPERATION AND SUPPORT OF INTERNET AND BACKHAUL CONNECTIVITY TO FACILITIES IN 61 VILLAGES. Is this possible?</p>	<p>Closing Date has been extended to 4th October 2021</p>
3.	<p>we request an extension of 2 weeks to allow for;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an addendum to be raised allowing citizen joint ventures</li> <li>• Amendment of the soliciting document to reflect the relevant PPADB codes which is provision of internet.</li> <li>• Eligibility should only be for companies that are licensed to provide a licensed service and to operate a licensed network.</li> <li>• Tasks for a comprehensive proposal document that cannot reasonably be completed in the 3 weeks given.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since the EOI does not exclude citizen joint ventures, Citizen Joint Ventures can still bid. (See returnable" TENDER SCHEDULES- CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF SIGNATORY")</li> <li>• The EOI indicated that the Bidder should be registered with PPADB in the Code: 120 – ICT Technical Support Services, Sub-Code: 07- Internet Services</li> <li>• The Bidder should be licenced by BOCRA</li> <li>• Closing Date has been extended to 4th October 2021</li> </ul>
4.	<p>EOI is not reserved for citizens despite the many Botswana Government policies encouraging citizen reservation of projects of this nature where indigenous skills and capacity are available.</p>	<p>The EOI indicated that the prescribed Reservation and Preference Scheme shall be applied in this EOI.</p>
5.	<p>This email serves as a formal request for Ministry of Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public Administration to consider extending submission deadline of the above referenced EOI from the 10th September 2021 to a later date.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Date has been extended to 4th October 2021</li> </ul>
6.	<p>Please assist with the below clarity:</p> <p>The EOI document does not indicate any financial Proposal, please indicate if we are supposed to provide the financial Proposal.</p>	<p>Financial proposal is not requiring.</p>
7.	<p>May you clarify if we are required to do Internet provisioning for GDN and Enterprise LAN, Does this mean that we will have 2 Internet breakouts at each school or the Ministry will provide a connection for GDN.</p>	<p>There will be one Internet breakout for the public Wi-Fi. Internet for the enterprise will be provided through the GDN</p> <p>Local Access Network will comprise of minimal wired LAN and Wi-Fi (Refer Digital Connectivity Standards for Villages and network design considerations available at <a href="https://smartbots.gov.bw/">https://smartbots.gov.bw/.</a>)</p>