



19 October 2026

**Subject: IFB No. CBL/G/PS/2026/01 - PROCUREMENT OF DATA CENTERS
UPGRADE (MAIN AND DR)
FOR THE CENTRAL BANK OF LIBERIA
UNDER THE LIBERIA PAYMENTS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SYSTEMS UPGRADE
PROJECT (LPISUP);
Clarification No. 3**

Our Ref: CBL/G/PS/2026/01

Dear Prospective bidders,

We have received requests for clarification on the above IFB. In accordance with the African Development Bank (AfDB) procurement requirements and Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) practice, each question and the corresponding CBL response is shared with all prospective bidders in the interest of transparency and equal treatment.

Question (Inquiry) 1: Years of operation: A bidder has asked the CBL to consider amending the required number of years for operation from a minimum of ten (10) years to five (5) years.

CBL Answer (Clarification) 1: No change. BDS ITB 35.2(f) requires the firm to be a registered legal entity that has been operating for a minimum of ten (10) years. The Purchaser maintains this requirement, and the qualification criteria are unchanged.

Question (Inquiry) 2: Years of operation: A bidder also wants to know if at least one JV member has been operating for the required period, or by the combined history of the JV members, the ten (10) years operating experience criterion is met?

CBL Answer (Clarification) 2: No. As stated in Clarification No. 2 (item 9), each JV member must meet the eligibility requirements of ITB 4 and the qualification criteria in Section III and BDS ITB 35.2(f). Each member of a JV must therefore have been operating for at least ten (10) years. It is not enough that one member, or the combined history of the members, meets the period.

Question (Inquiry) 3: Number of similar contracts: A bidder has mentioned, "the firm must have a minimum of five (5) similar contracts implemented over the last five (5) years. Would CBL consider reducing this to two (2) contracts?"

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CBL Answer (Clarification) 3: No change. The requirement is a minimum of five (5) contracts of similar value, nature and complexity implemented over the last five (5) years, as stated in BDS ITB 35.2(f) and the Section III criteria.

Question (Inquiry) 4: A bidder has asked, how will “similar value” and “similar nature and complexity” be assessed? Do contracts for network, security, data centre or facilities works of comparable scale qualify? Is value measured against the total Bid or against individual lots?

CBL Answer (Clarification) 4: The bidding document does not set a numerical threshold. Experience will be assessed from Form EXP-1 (contract amount, description of goods, the Bidder’s role and the Purchaser) and supporting evidence of successful delivery, such as the contract and a completion or acceptance certificate. The contract must have been delivered to a reputable organization similar to the Purchaser (BDS ITB 35.2(f)).

Nature and complexity: a contract is similar if it is comparable to the requirements in Section VII. Examples are the supply, installation and commissioning of data-centre, network or security equipment, and of data-centre facility infrastructure such as UPS, precision cooling and server room works.

Value: the procurement is a single lot, so value is assessed against the overall requirement and not against the individual thematic lots (BDS ITB 1.1, 14.6).

Question (Inquiry) 5: A bidder asks, may the experience of JV members be combined, and may the experience of a specialised subcontractor for Lot 2 count towards this requirement?

CBL Answer (Clarification) 5: JV members: the experience of JV members is not combined. Each JV member must meet the qualification criteria in Section III and BDS ITB 35.2(f) (Clarification No. 2, item 9).

Subcontractors: No. Under ITB 37.2, the qualifications of subcontractors are not taken into account unless the bidding document permits it, and it does not (Clarification No. 2, item 9).

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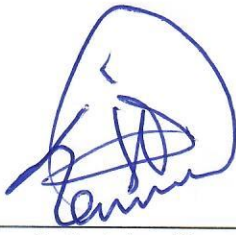
All Prospective bidders are hereby informed that the deadline for submitting requests for clarification has now expired according to ITB 17.1 of the Standard Bidding Document. Accordingly, no further inquiries will be accepted or responded to. Bidders are requested to prepare their bids based on the bidding documents and all clarifications and/or addenda issued.

All other terms, conditions and requirements of the bidding document remain unchanged. The bid submission deadline remains **28 October 2026, 12:00 noon, Monrovia time.**

Best regards,



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