



ADDENDUM NO. 1

July 13, 2026

TENDER DESCRIPTION:

: SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF NEW HIGH-PERFORMANCE SERVER

TENDER NO: CMA/ONT 006/2025-2026

We refer to the above-mentioned Open National Tender, which was floated on **29th June 2026**, scheduled to close/open on **15th July 2026 at 11:00AM**. Following clarifications from prospective Bidders, we wish to provide additional information by amending the primary tender document as indicated below.

Clarification No. 1: Amendment to tender closing date (Cover Page)

a) Current closing date; 15th July 2026

Completed tenders must be delivered to the address below on or before **15th July 2026, 1100Hrs.** Electronic Tenders **will not** be permitted.

b) Amended closing date

Clarification No. 2: Tender Opening Date

The new tender Closing/Opening date will be **Monday 27th July 2026 at 11:00AM** with all other terms and conditions of the original tender Ref: CMA/ONT 006 /2025-2026 remaining unchanged.

Clarification No. 3 (Table 1): Technical specifications for the Server Cluster (Page 49)

Item	Specification	Met/Not Met
Form Factor	2U Rackmount	
Chassis Configuration	3.5" Chassis with up to 12 SAS3/SATA Drives, LP Adapter PERC 11	

Processor	2 x 64-Core Processors (e.g., AMD EPYC 9554 or 2 x Intel Xeon Platinum 8462Y)	
Memory	64GB RDIMM, 6400MT/s, Dual Rank Qty 16	
Storage	Minimum 20TB usable all-flash storage using enterprise-grade 3.84TB SATA Read Intensive SSDs, 6Gbps, 512e, 2.5-inch hot-plug, 1 DWPD, or equivalent.	
Memory Slots	32 DIMM slots (16 per processor)	
RAID Support	Supports RAID 0/1/5/6/10/50/60)	
USB Support	USB 3.1 Gen1 or higher (USB 3.2 compatible)	
Optical Drive	Optional; DVD-ROM or DVD-RW supported or provision for external USB/virtual media access	
VGA Port	1 standard VGA port for local console access or equivalent management interface display output	
Graphics Integrated Video Standard	• Video modes up to 1920 x 1200@60Hz (32 bpp) • 16MB Video Memory	
Serial Port	1 RS232 Port	
UEFI Boot Mode	• TPM 2.0 Support • NVMe Boot Support • iSCSI Software Initiator Support. • HTTP/HTTPs Boot support as a PXE alternative. • Boot support for option cards that only support a UEFI option ROM	
Networking	25GbE SFP	
Power supply	Dual, Hot-Plug, Fully Redundant Power Supply (1+1), 2400W, Mixed Mode	
Cooling	Redundant hot-swappable fans, optimized for high-performance workloads	
Operating System Support	Microsoft Windows Server 2025 Datacentre Edition	
Warranty	3-year parts, 3-year labour, 3-year onsite support with next business day response.	

Bidders are required to submit price schedules that include the costs of the following items:

- Server meeting the above specifications
- Installation and Configuration costs

- Licenses and Warranty costs (Where Applicable as in section 5.0 below)
- 1Year post installation Support and Maintenance costs

Software Licensing Requirements

All physical processor cores installed within the proposed servers shall be fully licensed, including a total of 128-core per CPU.

The Windows license must be genuine and OEM-approved.

a) *Technical Evaluation Criteria*

Clarification No. 4 (Table 2): Technical evaluation Criteria

No.	Evaluation Attribute	Weighting Score
1	ICT accreditation: ICTA 4: ICT NETWORKS, ICTA 6: INFORMATION SECURITY or other relevant ICTA certificates - (5 marks for each)	10
2	Authorized reseller or partner status with OEM and /or MAF authorization or certification (20 marks)	20
3	Evidence of supplying similar high-spec servers to organizations of similar size or industry. Proof can be provided in form of support contracts, SLA's or LPOs (At least three). (10marks for each) (reference letters will not be considered?)	30
4	Two Certified engineers with at least 3 years' experience to do conduct the installation. Attach resumes and professional certification of two engineers. (degree and relevant professional certifications 10 marks each). Degree with no certification 3marks each.	20
5	Minimum 3-year OEM warranty with next business day (NBD) on-site support.	10
6	SLA for fault response and resolution times	10
	Total Marks	100

Amended (Table 1): Technical specifications for the Server Cluster (Page 49)

Item	Specification	Met/Not Met
Form Factor	One 2U Rackmount Server	
Chassis Configuration	24 × 2.5-inch Hot-Plug SAS/SATA/NVMe Drive Bays.	
Processor	2 × Intel Xeon Scalable Processors (5th Generation or later), each with 32 physical cores, providing a total of 64 physical cores.	
Memory	2 TB DDR5 ECC RDIMM (32 × 64 GB), 5600 MT/s or higher.	
Storage	2 × 960 GB Enterprise Read Intensive SSDs configured in RAID 1 for the operating system/hypervisor, and 12 × minimum 3.84 TB Enterprise Mixed-Use SAS SSDs (12G SAS, 24G SAS or higher-performing equivalent) configured in RAID 6, providing a minimum usable all-flash storage capacity of 38 TB.	
Memory Slots	32 DDR5 DIMM Slots (16 per processor), supporting up to 8 TB memory	
RAID Support	Enterprise Hardware RAID Controller with cache protection (battery-backed or non-volatile cache) supporting RAID 0, 1, 5, 6, 10, 50 and 60 (e.g., Dell PERC H965i or equivalent).	
USB Support	Minimum two (2) USB 3.2 Gen1 or higher ports (front and rear) and one (1) internal USB port.	
Optical Drive	Optional; support for external USB DVD-ROM/DVD-RW and virtual media	
VGA Port	Minimum one (1) VGA or equivalent video output for local console access	
Graphics Integrated Video Standard	Integrated graphics controller supporting a minimum resolution of 1920 × 1200 @ 60 Hz with at least 16 MB video memory	
Serial Port	Minimum one (1) serial port (built-in or optional).	
Server Management	Integrated out-of-band management controller supporting remote console (KVM), virtual media, power management, hardware health monitoring, firmware updates, secure remote management, RESTful API, and alerting (e.g., Dell iDRAC9 Enterprise, HPE iLO 6 Advanced, Lenovo XClarity Controller, or equivalent).	
Virtualization Support	Certified for VMware ESXi 8.x, Microsoft Hyper-V, and major enterprise Linux distributions.	
UEFI Boot Mode	• UEFI Secure Boot • TPM 2.0 installed and enabled. • NVMe Boot Support • iSCSI Boot Support • HTTP/HTTPS Boot Support	

	• PXE Boot Support • Support for UEFI Option ROMs	
Networking	Quad-Port (4-Port) 10/25GbE SFP28 OCP 3.0 Ethernet Adapter (or equivalent), supporting standard SFP28 optical and Direct Attach Copper (DAC) transceivers.	
Power supply	Dual Hot-Plug Fully Redundant (1+1) Titanium Power Supplies, sized appropriately for the proposed configuration, with a minimum rating of 1400 W AC each.	
Cooling	Redundant Hot-Plug High-Performance Cooling Fans with Intelligent Thermal Management	
Operating System Support	Microsoft Windows Server 2025 Datacenter Edition, licensed for all installed physical processor cores.	
Warranty	Minimum three (3) years OEM warranty covering parts, labour, firmware updates, technical support, and next business day onsite support.	

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4	Two certified engineers with at least three (3) years' experience to undertake the installation. Attach CVs/resumes and relevant professional certifications for the proposed engineers (Degree and relevant professional certifications 10 marks each/Degree with no certification 3marks each).	20
5	Minimum 3-year OEM warranty with next business day (NBD) on-site support.	10
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Additional Information:

Current Infrastructure

The existing data centre infrastructure currently features a fragmented mix of servers from various manufacturers. This multi-vendor environment causes operational siloes and high maintenance overheads. The primary goal is to undertake a strategic digital transformation, consolidating and migrating toward a highly scalable, unified platform. The current on-premises environment is a complex patchwork of physical and virtual servers sourced from multiple original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). While this heterogeneous setup has historically supported varied departmental and legacy application requirements, it currently limits agility. Key challenges include:

- i. **Complex Lifecycle Management:** Tracking maintenance contracts, firmware updates, and End-of-Life (EOL) milestones across disparate vendor systems.
- ii. **Resource Inefficiencies:** Discrepancies in processing power, memory configurations, and cooling requirements.
- iii. **Operational Siloes:** Increased administrative burden for our IT teams to manage different vendor management consoles and hardware architectures.

Strategic Vision for Transformation

To remain agile and support future business growth, vendors are invited to undertake a site visit to evaluate the current architecture and assess the existing environment to facilitate integration of the proposed server into the Authority's infrastructure. This will allow moving away from fragmented, multi-vendor silos toward a simplified environment, such as a consolidated virtualized, hybrid, or hyper-converged infrastructure. It will also allow lifecycle Optimization from leveraging professional Hardware Lifecycle Management to reduce operational expenses and lower total cost of ownership (TCO).

NB: Site Visit is scheduled for Monday 20th July 2026 from 11:00AM-12:00Noon

