



14 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. 2**

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: A bidder wants to know whether any country incorporated company is eligible to bid directly for this procurement.

CBL Answer (Clarification) 1: YES. This is an AfDB procurement under Open Competitive Bidding-International process. Any company registered in an AfDB eligible country can participate. According to Section 3 of the Special Procurement Notice, *'Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), (OCBI) method as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework², and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework and who meet the minimum and mandatory requirements.'*

Question (Inquiry) 2: A bidder wants to know whether any Liberian local partner, local registration or joint-venture arrangement is mandatory.

CBL Answer (Clarification) 2: No. The bidding document does not require a Liberian local partner, local registration or joint venture as a condition for submitting a Bid. A joint venture is optional and further information on joint venture can be found in the Standard Bidding Document under ITB 4.1 (c) and ITB 4.1 (d).

Question (Inquiry) 3: A bidder wants the Central Bank of Liberia (CBL) to provide the complete bidding documents, including the technical specifications, Bill of Quantities / Price Schedule, equipment schedule and drawings where applicable.

CBL Answer (Clarification) 3: The complete bidding document (Parts 1–3, Sections I–X) is issued in English by email upon written application to the CBL and payment of the non-refundable fee of **USD 100**, as set out in Sections 5 and 9 of the Specific Procurement Notice. An updated payment method was also issued on 8 October 2026 in our Clarification No.1 herewith attached to this clarification. Our bid document contains the ITB and Bid Data Sheet, Evaluation and Qualification Criteria, Bidding Forms, Eligible Countries, Fraud and Corruption, the Schedule of Requirements, the General and Special Conditions of Contract and the Contract Forms. The Price Schedules are in Section IV, and the equipment schedule (List of Goods and Delivery Schedule) and technical specifications are in Section VII.

Question (Inquiry) 4: A bidder wants the CBL to (1) Confirm the exact scope of the Main Data Centre and Disaster Recovery Data Centre upgrades. (2) Confirm whether the scope includes UPS systems, batteries, generators, electrical distribution, precision cooling, racks, PDUs, fire detection/suppression, BMS/DCIM, physical security and associated installation works. (3) Confirm whether ICT equipment such as servers, storage and networking forms part of the same procurement.

CBL Answer (Clarification) 4: The full scope of the assignment is defined in Section VII (Schedule of Requirements) of the Standard Bidding Document. Bidders are encouraged to purchase the document as set out in Sections 5 and 9 of the Special Procurement Notice.

Question (Inquiry) 5: A bidder wants to know whether there is any compulsory pre-bid meeting or site inspection.

CBL Answer (Clarification) 5: CBL will hold a pre-bid meeting (virtual) for prospective bidders as follows:

- ☐ Date and time: 15 October 2026 at 11am Monrovia Time
- ☐ Link: [Pre-Bid Meeting IFB No. CBL/G/PS/2026/01 – Procurement of Data Centers Upgrade \(Main and DR\) | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

- (a) Attendance is optional, and each bidder bears its own costs of attending.
- (b) Bidders wishing to attend should confirm by e-mail to mokutch@cbl.org.lr CC: jadavrell@cbl.org.lr by **14 October 2026 at 11am Monrovia Time**, and the meeting link will also be shared. Bidders are encouraged to send questions in writing by the same date and time, so they can be addressed at the meeting
- (c) Oral answers given at the meeting are not binding. CBL will send the minutes of the meeting and any resulting clarifications or addenda in writing to all bidders who purchased the bidding document, including those who did not attend.

The is no compulsory site inspection and no provision for same.

Question (Inquiry) 6: A bidder wants CBL to Confirm the current bid closing date of **28 October 2026** and whether any addenda or clarification notices have been issued.

CBL Answer (Clarification) 6: Confirmed. Bids must be received by 12:00 noon, Monrovia time, on **28 October 2026**, either by hand at the Central Bank of Liberia, 7th Floor, Lynch & Center Streets, Monrovia, or electronically to PSupgradeprocurement@cbl.org.lr with a passcode, which is released only at bid opening. Bids will be open on the same day at 12:15 PM, at the CBL Auditorium (Ground Floor) and online via the Microsoft Teams link in the

SPN (BID OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF DATA CENTERS UPGRADE (MAIN AND DR) | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams). Late Bids will be rejected.

A clarification was issued on 8 October 2026, and it is herewith attached to this Clarification.

Question (Inquiry) 7: A bidder wants CBL to advise what equivalent legal, tax, financial and technical documentation is required from an international bidder.

CBL Answer (Clarification) 7: The same requirements apply to all Bidders irrespective of nationality; there is no separate set for international Bidders. All documents must be in English or accompanied by an English translation. The requirements are set out in the Bid Document, with Specific requirements in ITB 35.2 (f) of the bid document on page 37.

Question (Inquiry) 8: A bidder inquires, Lot-wise bidding ITB 1.1 of the Bid Data Sheet describes the procurement as a "Single Lot with 3 thematic Lots headings", and the lot-wise bidding option under ITB 14.6 is marked "Not Applicable." The three lots cover quite different disciplines: ICT network equipment (Lot 1), civil, electrical and cooling works for the server rooms (Lot 2), and recurring fiber and microwave connectivity services (Lot 3) would the Purchaser consider allowing bidders to bid for one or more lots, with evaluation and award made lot-wise and discounts allowed for combinations of lots?

CBL Answer (Clarification) 8: The procurement remains a single lot. BDS ITB 1.1 describes the IFB as a single lot with three thematic lot headings, and lot-wise bidding under ITB 14.6 is not applicable. Bidders must therefore quote for 100% of the requirements of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in one Bid. Lot-wise evaluation, lot-wise award and discounts for combinations of lots do not apply.

Question (Inquiry) 9: A bidder wants to know if the single-lot structure is maintained, may the experience and technical qualifications of a named specialised subcontractor (e.g. for UPS, precision cooling and server room works under Lot 2) be taken into account in assessing the Bidder's qualifications?

CBL Answer (Clarification) 9: No. Qualification of the Bidder is determined under ITB 37 and Section III (paragraph 3.1) on the basis of the Bidder's own documentary evidence (ITB 17).

Joint Venture Option: A bidder that needs another firm's experience may instead form a JV under ITB 4.1 (maximum two members, each with at least 25% of the contract value, jointly and severally liable). In that case, each JV member must meet the eligibility requirements of ITB 4 and the qualification criteria in section III and BDS ITB 35.2 (f).

General

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,



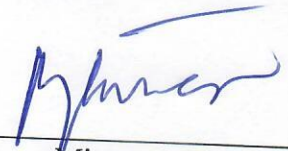
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