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(BSC)**

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NATIONAL TENDER NOTICE

TENDER N° : 001/G/NOT/BSC/2025

TENDER TITLE : SUPPLY OF SERVERS

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1. Broadband Systems Corporation ("BSC") is a licensed Internet Service Provider (ISP) that is incorporated under the laws and regulations of the Republic of Rwanda. The company is engaged in the business of providing advanced Information and Communication Technology ("ICT") services based on broadband connectivity.
2. BSC invites qualified bidders to submit bids for the **SUPPLY OF SERVERS**. The tender is indivisible.
3. Participation to this tender is open on equal conditions to all companies specialised in the field and qualifying bidder must present the following documents and requirements in their bids;
 - i. Bid submission form and price schedules well printed and properly organized.
 - ii. Copy of Valid registration certificate.
 - iii. Original or certified copy of clearance certificate for Rwanda Social Security Board.
 - iv. Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate.
 - v. Three references of similar tenders executed with the Government, Corporate companies or international organization proven by good competition certificates accompanied with the contract
 - vi. Data sheet
 - vii. Manufacturer's authorization or local distributor commitment
4. The tender documents can be downloaded from www.bsc.rw or obtained free of charge from **BSC procurement office** at Remera, Airport Road (KN5 Rd), Opposite Chez Lando.
5. Well printed, properly bound bids presented in 4 copies one of which marked original, must reach BSC 's Procurement office at Remera Airport Road (KN5 RD), Opposite Chez Lando not later than **12th February 2025 at 10:00 A.m.** late bids shall be rejected. The public opening will take place at **10:30 A.m.** on the same day at BSC conference room.
6. The copies should be put in 'inner envelopes' having the name and address of the company. All copies should be put in other envelope called "outer envelope" marked with the reference number of tender notice with the following mentions:

To: Chairperson of the Tender Committee BSC
Tender title: "SUPPLY OF SERVERS".
Broadband Systems Corporation Plc (BSC),
Remera Airport Road

(KN5 RD), Opposite Chez Lando

P O Box 7229, Kigali, Rwanda

E-mail: procurement@bsc.rw

7. The bids must have a validity period of **one hundred twenty days (120) days** from the bids opening date.

Done at Kigali, on 28/01/2025

Sincerely,

Gilbert KAYINAMURA
Chief Executive Officer

General Information

1.1. Introduction

Broadband Systems Corporation, ("BSC") is a licensed Internet Service Provider (ISP) that is incorporated under the laws and regulations of the Republic of Rwanda. The company is engaged in the business of providing advanced Information and Communication Technology ("ICT") services based on broadband connectivity.

In order to carry out its mission, BSC would like to work with one of the competent companies specialized in supply of ICT Equipment or Network equipment (**servers**). The purpose of this tender document is to solicit proposals from qualified suppliers who fulfill the requirements highlighted in the technical requirements. The information contained in this document is subject to change. Revisions will be issued to the legitimate copyholders only.

1.2. Mandate of this Document

This document is a request for proposal for the Supply of SERVER to BSC

1.3. Schedule

Deadline for submission	12th February 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Public Bid Opening	12th February 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

1.4. Contact details and bid clarification

1.4.1. Contact

Should any query be raised concerning the following specifications, they should be addressed in writing to the **Chairperson of the Tender Committee BSC** at the address below:

Broadband Systems Corporation (BSC),
Remera Airport Road
(KN5 RD), Opposite Chez Lando
P O Box 7229, Kigali, Rwanda
Email: procurement@bsc.rw.

The preferred communications channel will be via e-mail (with a reception confirmation). Bidders are allowed to contact BSC directly, however the issue(s) raised must be confirmed in writing and the questions and answers will be shared with all bidders who purchased the tender document.

1.4.2. Bids Presentation

Bidders may be invited to present and defend their proposals to the BSC Evaluation Committee or to the BSC Management for recommendation or decision. Dates and times of the presentations will be agreed in advance with Bidders within the Time frame allocated for bids evaluation. Failing to show-up for presentation will immediately disqualify the invited Bidder.

1.4.3. Bids Evaluation

There will be four general principles that will govern the tender document review, evaluation and selection process:

- Clear, complete and truthful responses to requirements.
- Satisfactory responses to Bidder issues and performance requirements.
- Competitive cost quotation.
- BSC will be the final arbiter for determining Bidder compliance with these three general principles.

1.5. Format of tender document

This tender document comprises of the following:

- ✓ General information
- ✓ Instructions to Bidders
- ✓ Technical Requirements
- ✓ Technical and Financial Bid Contents

2. Instructions to Bidders

2.1. Language

All bid submissions shall be written in the English language, as shall all correspondence and other documents pertaining to this bid.

2.2. Eligible Bidders

- a. The company must be legally registered and operational in Rwanda.
- b. A Bidder that is under a declaration of ineligibility by the RPPA (blacklisted), at the date of contract award, shall be disqualified. The list of such debarred firms will be checked at RPPA website address, www.rppa.gov.rw.

2.3. Cost of bidding

The Bidders shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of its bid, and BSC, hereinafter referred to as "the Purchaser," will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the outcome of the bidding process.

2.4. The bidding documents

The Bidder is expected to examine carefully all instructions, terms and conditions, bid forms, technical and service requirement specifications in the bidding documents. Failure to furnish the information required, or submission of a bid not substantially responsive to the requirements of the bidding documents, will be at the Bidders' risk and shall result in the rejection of its bid. For the purposes of these clauses, a substantially responsive bid is one that conforms to all terms and conditions set in all of the bidding documents without material deviations.

2.5. Clarification of bidding documents

A Bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding documents may notify the Purchaser in writing at the Purchaser's address indicated in the general information section. The Purchaser will respond in writing to any request for clarification, which it receives no later than **three (3) days** prior to the deadline for submission of bids prescribed by the Purchaser. Copies of the Purchaser's response (including a description of the query but without identifying its source) will be sent to all the Bidders.

2.6. Amendment of bidding documents

At any time prior to the deadline for the submission of bids, the Purchaser may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification request by a Bidder, modify the bidding documents by amendment. The amendment will be sent in writing to all the Bidders and will be binding on them. Bidders shall promptly acknowledge receipt of each amendment in writing. In order to provide the Bidders reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their bids, the Purchaser may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids.

2.7. Bid submission documents

The bid submitted by the Bidders shall include the following:

- Price schedules completed in accordance with clause 2.8, 2.9;
- Documentary evidence established in accordance with clause 2.11 that the Bidder is eligible to bid and is qualified to perform the contract if the bid is accepted.

2.8. Price list

The Bidder shall provide the price list as described in the requirements or furnish an equivalent schedule, indicating the goods and services to be supplied, a brief description of the goods and services and their country of origin. For the purposes of this clause, "origin" of goods means the place where the goods are manufactured or produced or from which the ancillary services are supplied.

2.9. Bid prices

The Bidder shall indicate on the appropriate price schedule the unit price for each item. The Bidder shall indicate all pricing options, if more than one is available. Prices indicated on the schedule shall include all custom duties and sales and other taxes payable in Rwanda.

Prices quoted by the Bidder shall be fixed during the Bidder's performance of the contract and shall not be subjected to variation on any account. A bid submitted with an adjustable price quotation shall be treated as non-responsive and will be rejected. The Purchaser may reasonably request for the bid validity extension when necessary and the price shall be fixed for the time extended.

2.10. Bid currency

Tenders shall be priced in FRW.

2.11. Documents establishing Bidder's qualifications

For establishment of the Bidder's qualification to perform the following shall be required:

- i. Bid submission form and price schedules well printed and properly organized
- ii. Copy of Valid registration certificate
- iii. Original or certified copy of clearance certificate for Rwanda Social Security Board.
- iv. Copy of Valid Tax Clearance Certificate.
- v. Three references of similar tenders executed with the Government, Corporate companies or international organization proven by good competition certificates accompanied with the contract
- vi. Data sheet
- vii. Manufacturer' autorisation or local distributor commitment

2.12. Period of validity of bids

Bids shall remain valid for a minimum period of **one hundred twenty days (120) days** after the bid closing date.

A bid, which is valid for a shorter period, shall be rejected by the Purchaser as non-responsive.

2.13. Format, signing and submission of bid

The Bidder shall prepare one original and three copies of the documents, and they shall be clearly marked "**Original and Copy**". In the event of any discrepancy, between them the original shall govern. The original and the copy of the bid shall be typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the Bidder (or his agent).

The Bidder (or his agent) shall initial all pages of the bid including any amended printed literature. Failure to fulfill these requirements will result in the rejection of the bid as non-responsive.

The copies should be put in 'inner envelopes' having the name and address of the company. All copies should be put in other envelope called "outer envelope" marked with the reference number of tender notice with the following mentions:

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P O Box 7229, Kigali, Rwanda
E-mail: procurement@bsc.rw

2.14. Deadline for submission of bids

Bids must be received by the Purchaser at the address specified above not later than **12th February 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** The Purchaser may at his discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of bids by amending the bidding documents, in which case all rights and obligations of the Purchaser and Bidders previously subject to the original deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended, and the period of validity of bid date shall be adjusted accordingly.

2.15. Late bids

Any bid received by the Purchaser after the deadline for submission of bid prescribed by the Purchaser, pursuant to clause 2.14 above, shall be disregarded and/or returned unopened to the Bidder.

2.16. Modification and withdrawal of bids

The Bidder may modify or withdraw its bid after the bid's submission, provided that written notice of the modification or withdrawal is received by the Purchaser prior to the deadline for submission of bids. The Bidder's modification notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked and dispatched in accordance with provisions of clause 2.13. A withdrawal notice may also be sent in writing or by cable but must be followed by a signed confirmation copy, post-marked not later than the deadline for submission of bids. No bid shall be modified after the deadline for submission of bids.

2.17. Opening of bids by Purchaser

The Purchaser will open the bids after the submission deadline of the bids.

2.18. Clarification of bids

During evaluation of the bids, the Purchaser may, at its discretion, ask the Bidder for a clarification of its bid. The request for clarification and the response shall be in writing. Any Bidder who is not willing to respond for clarification requested within the stated time will be rejected from further evaluation and be disqualified depending on the significance of the information required.

2.19. Evaluations and comparison of bids

2.19.1 The evaluation committee shall evaluate and compare only the bids determined to be substantially responsive.

2.19.2 In evaluating the bids, the evaluation committee shall determine for each Bid the evaluated Bid price by adjusting the Bid price as follows:

- (a) Making any correction for errors;
- (b) Making an appropriate adjustment for any other acceptable variations, deviations and
- (d) Making appropriate adjustments to reflect discounts or other price modifications offered.

2.19.3 The BSC reserves the right to accept or reject any variation, or deviation. Variations, and deviations offers and other factors which are in excess of the requirements of the Bidding Documents or otherwise result in unsolicited benefits for BSC shall not be considered in Bid evaluation.

2.19.4 The estimated effect of any price adjustment conditions during the period of implementation of the Contract shall not be considered in Bid evaluation.

2.20. Contacting the Purchaser

After the opening of bids, information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of bids and recommendations for the award of a contract shall not be disclosed to

Bidders or any other persons not officially concerned with such process until the award to the successful Bidder has been announced.

Any attempt by a Bidder to influence the Purchaser's bid evaluation, bid comparison or contract award shall result in the rejection of the Bidder's submission.

2.21. Bid Security

2.21.1 The Bidder shall provide a bid security: **Not Applicable**

2.21.2 The Bid Security shall:

- (a) Be in the form of either, a bank guarantee from a banking institution, or surety issued by an financial institution, as the bidder would wish;
- (b) Be substantially in accordance with one of the forms of Bid Security or other form approved by the BSC prior to bid submission;
- (c) Be payable promptly upon written demand by the BSC in case the conditions listed in the tender document are invoked;
- (d) Be submitted in its original form; copies shall not be accepted;
- (e) Remain valid for a period of 30 days beyond the validity period of the bids.

2.21.3 If a Bid Security is required, any bid not accompanied by a substantially responsive Bid Security shall be rejected by the BSC as non-responsive.

2.21.4 The Bid Security of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned as promptly as possible upon the successful Bidder's furnishing of the performance security.

2.21.5 The Bid Security may be forfeited:

- (a) if a Bidder withdraws its bid during the period of bid validity or
- (b) If the Bidder does not accept the correction of its Bid Price.
- (c) if the successful Bidder fails within the specified time to:
 - (i) Sign the Contract; or
 - (ii) furnish the required performance security.

2.22 Post qualification

The Purchaser will determine to its satisfaction whether the Bidder that is selected as having submitted the highest evaluated, responsive bid is qualified to perform the contract satisfactorily, and shall verify the expected winner's:

- Professional, technical capability & experience required;
- Managerial ability (competence);
- Track record of Bidder;
- Continuity of the Bidder in that line of business.

2.23 Award criteria

Subject to clause 2.20 above, the Purchaser shall award the contract to the successful Bidder whose bid has been determined to be substantially responsive, has met all the essential specifications and has been determined as the highest marked bid, provided further that the Bidder is determined to be qualified to satisfactorily perform the contract.

2.24 Purchaser's right to accept any bid, reject any or all bids

The Purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidders of the grounds for the Purchaser's action.

2.25 Notification of award of contract

2.25.1 Before the expiry of the bid validity period, BSC shall simultaneously notify the successful and the unsuccessful bidders of the provisional outcome of the bids evaluation. The notification shall specify that the major elements of the procurement process would be made available to the bidders upon request and that they have two (2) days in which to lodge a protest, if any, before final negotiations are done and a contract is signed with the successful bidder. When there is no protest from other bidders, BSC shall notify the successful bidder with the final notification and after shall sign the procurement contract.

2.25.2 After the final negotiation, negotiation minutes shall be duly signed by both parties and integrated as part of the contract document where applicable.

2.25.3 The notification letter to the successful bidder shall state the sum that BSC shall pay the Contractor in consideration of the execution, completion, and maintenance of the goods by the Contractor as prescribed by the Contract (hereinafter and in the Contract, called the "Contract Price").

2.25.4 Only the signed contract will constitute an official commitment on the part of BSC, and activities may not begin until the contract has been signed by the contracting authority and the successful bidder.

2.26 Performance Security

2.26.1 Within 7 days after receipt of the notification Letter, the successful Bidder shall deliver to BSC a Performance Security of 10% for the total value of the contract of the tender.

- 2.26.2 If the Performance Security is provided by the successful Bidder in the form of a Bank Guarantee, it shall be issued at the Bidder's option, by a bank located in the Republic of Rwanda.
- 2.26.3 If the Performance Security is to be provided by the successful Bidder in the form of a Bond, it shall be issued by a surety who the Bidder has determined to be acceptable to BSC .
- 2.26.4 Failure of the successful Bidder to comply with the requirements shall constitute sufficient grounds for cancellation of the tender award and forfeiture of the Bid Security. Upon the successful Bidder's, signing of the contract and furnishing the Performance Security, BSC shall discharge the Bid Securities of the unsuccessful bidders.

2.27 Advance Payment and Security

BSC shall provide an Advance Payment on the Contract Price, subject to a maximum amount stated in the contract. The Advance Payment shall be guaranteed by a bank guarantee equivalent to the advance amount given to the bidder.

3. Technical Requirements

Broadband Systems Corporation (BSC) intends to procure the following computers and accessories as per below details;

Technical Specification for SUPPLY OF SERVERS

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

DELL POWEREDGE R760xs Server 1piece		
210-BGLV	PowerEdge R760xs [PowerEdge R760xs - Full Configuration - [EMEA_R760xs] (5)]	1
461-AAIG	Trusted Platform Module 2.0 V3	1
321-BJCW	2.5" Chassis with up to 16 Hard Drives (SAS/SATA), PERC11	1
338-CHTJ	Intel Xeon Gold 6448Y 2.1G, 32C/64T, 16GT/s, 60M Cache, Turbo, HT (225W) DDR5-4800	1
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379-BDCO	Additional Processor Selected	1
412-BBBR	High Performance Heatsink	1
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370-AAIP	Performance Optimized	1
370-BBRX	5600MT/s RDIMMs	1
370-BBRY	32GB RDIMM, 5600MT/s, Dual Rank	2
780-BCDS	Unconfigured RAID	1
405-AAZB	PERC H755 SAS Front	1
750-ADWP	Front PERC Mechanical Parts, rear load	1
345-BEJU	3.84TB SSD SATA 6Gbps , Mixed Use, 512e 2.5in Hot-Plug, AG	7
384-BBBH	Power Saving BIOS Settings	1
750-ADDY	Standard Fan x5	1

450-AIQZ	Dual, Hot-plug, Power Supply Redundant (1+1), 1400W, Mixed Mode, NAF	1
150-AADY	C13 to C14, PDU Style, 10 AMP, 6.5 Feet (2m), Power Cord	2
330-BCDQ	Riser Config 1, Half Length, Low Profile, 3x16 + 1x8 + 2x16 (Gen5)	1
329-BJRY	PowerEdge R760xs Motherboard with Broadcom 5720 Dual Port 1Gb On-Board LOM	1
540-BCOC	Broadcom 57414 Dual Port 10/25GbE SFP28, OCP NIC 3.0	1
406-BBTM	Emulex LPe35002 Dual Port FC32 Fibre Channel HBA, PCIe Low Profile	1
325-BEVI	PowerEdge 2U Standard Bezel	1
350-BCLY	Dell Luggage Tag R760xs	1
403-BCID	BOSS Blank	1
528-CTIC	DRAC9, Enterprise 16G	1
350-BCER	No Quick Sync	1
379-BCRG	DRAC, Factory Generated Password, No OMQR	1
379-BCQX	iDRAC Service Module (ISM), NOT Installed	1
379-BCQY	DRAC Group Manager, Disabled	1
770-BDRQ	Cable Management Arm, 2U	1
770-BFFJ	ReadyRails Sliding Rails (B21)	1
340-DLHB	PowerEdge R760XS Shipping EMEA1 (English/French/German/Spanish/Russian/Hebrew)	1
343-BBVC	PowerEdge R760xs/HS5620 Shipping Material	1
389-FBXZ	PowerEdge R760xs HS5620 No CE or CCC Markin	1
800-BBDM	UEFI BIOS Boot Mode with GPT Partition	1
611-BBBF	No Operating System	1
605-BBFN	No Media Required	1
631-AACK	No Systems Documentation, No OpenManage DVD Kit	1

293-10049	Order Configuration Shipbox Label (Ship Date, Model, Processor Speed, HDD Size, RAM)	1
709-BBIX	Parts Only Warranty 12 Months	1
865-BBLM	ProSupport and Next Business Day Onsite Service Initial, 12 Month(s)	1
883-BBFN	No Field Deployment	1
883-17666	Infrastructure Deployment Selected	1
293-10025	Asset Tag - ProSupport (Website, barcode, Onboard MacAddress)	1

Note1: Warranty 1 year minimum for the said **SERVER** should be genuine and brand new.

The Server to be supplied together with its all required accessories as specified in the tender

Note2: Delivery period 15-20 DAYS

4.1. Bid Contents

Bids shall contain both technical and financial information and should be submitted in a **sealed envelope**. Non-compliance with this requirement will lead to summary rejection of the Proposal.

4.2. Financial information

Bidders must quote for unit price and total prices taxes inclusive based on the quantities above.

Detailed Bill of Materials and breakdown of components must be included as follows:

Terms and Conditions must be clearly brought out in the Financial Proposal.

Bidders shall quote itemized figures against each of the Items as per the specifications above.

Detailed price break-down of components against the item must be provided.

4.3. Parameters for the selection of the Bidder

Bidders are required to provide a solution based on the Technical Requirements of BSC as brought out in this document. Bidders are encouraged to provide more than one solution where possible. Selection will be made based on the following:

- Soundness of the Proposed technical requirements & services
- Track Record for similar tender executed
- Completeness of the Proposal
- Financial Status of the Bidder
- Price & Payment Terms
- Delivery Schedule