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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SUPPLY, SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF DATA CENTRE
NETWORK EQUIPMENT.**

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1.0 Introduction

Safaricom PLC, the leading mobile services provider in Kenya, boasts a steadily growing subscriber base. The company is consistently expanding and upgrading its systems and processes to align with the evolving needs of its customers. In pursuit of this objective, Safaricom continually seeks partnerships with competent and reputable suppliers and service providers to fulfill various requirements.

To this end, Safaricom intends to identify reputable and qualified suppliers who will be able to deliver and integrate Data Center Network Equipment.

2.0 Scope

The selected supplier will be responsible for supplying, implementing, supporting, and maintaining the Data Center Network Equipment.

The scope of the solution will constitute but not limited to:

- a) Supply & integrate Data Center Network Equipment.
- b) Support and maintain the Solution and platform as may be required from time to time.
- c) Provide training on specialized units to the teams.

The full details of the scope will be provided in an RFP (Request for Proposal) that will be sent out to the successful suppliers shortlisted through this EOI process.

3.0 EOI Requirements for the bidders

Interested bidder should demonstrate their suitability and is therefore expected to share detailed responses showcasing the firm's capacity and experience in the scope.

Category	Requirement
A. Company Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Detailed company profile clearly indicating the business focus areas. ii. Certificate of Incorporation. iii. Valid Tax certificate and trading license. iv. Address of the physical premises and contact details. v. Audited Financial accounts for the past 3 years. (Provide separate report for each year). vi. Share name, contact details and position of the person primarily responsible for this EOI.
B. OEM engagement	This expression of interest is restricted to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) only.
C. Local Support	<p>Share details of the local partner responsible for local support.</p> <p>Note: OEMs without a local presence should submit a plan of setting up in country and if the plan is to work through a</p>

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	local partner for local services note that the OEM will be required to share the details before award and contracting.
D. Overall firms' experience	Demonstrate firm's capacity and experience in delivering and integrating Data Center Network Equipment by providing experience in a telecom company. Share evidence of projects done under Data Center Network Equipment or similar solution deployments in the last five (5) years in the format on Table 1, below. (Provide at least 5 Purchase Orders, contracts, award letters etc. to support the details in the table)
E. Technical Requirements	Share summary of the DCN solutions that you offer.

4.0 **Important Instructions on Enquiries and submission of Responses:**

- a) The responses to this EOI are to be submitted via the Safaricom i-sourcing portal and **e-mail responses WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
- b) All suppliers **NOT registered/prequalified** with Safaricom and would like to participate in this EOI will be expected to register as new suppliers via the below link to be able to access the EOI.
<https://egjd.fa.us6.oraclecloud.com/fscmUI/faces/PrcPosRegisterSupplier?prcBuld=300000002465003>
- c) All registered suppliers who would like to participate in this EOI can access the EOI via below link:
[RFI 1516](#)
 Alternatively Once logged in, all interested suppliers can access the EOI by following below steps:
 Supplier Portal>>Negotiations>>View Negotiations>>*Invitation Received (pick NO.)>>Search.
- d) For any support/enquiries relating to this EOI, kindly send an email to fkithinji@safaricom.co.ke.
- e) The EOI response should not include pricing/commercial proposal.
- f) All responses should be provided in standard file formats i.e., XLSs, DOC(X) and PDF. Any link submitted together with the documentation should lead to an MS OneDrive folder and **NOT** Google Drive or WeTransfer. Submissions with links to platforms other than MS OneDrive will not be accessible on our end and will not be considered.
- g) The attachments should be submitted in folders properly labelled as per the index listed above. Organize your submission to have folders A to E as listed above.
- h) Any costs associated with the preparation and submission of the response to the EOI shall be borne by the vendor.

5.0 Evaluation Process

- Once Safaricom PLC receives responses to this EOI on the closure date indicated, the evaluator shall evaluate all the responses to the EOI including all supporting documents & documentary evidence. Please NOTE that failure to submit requisite supporting documents or documentary evidence, may lead to rejection of the EOI response.
- The Evaluation Committee may seek additional documents as it deems necessary, at its discretion as part of the evaluation exercise that will be undertaken.
- EOI respondents who meet the minimum requirements may be called for a detailed presentation for further evaluation of their technical capability, product quality, Quality Analysis procedure, etc. as part of the EOI evaluation.
- Only those EOI respondents that meet the minimum requirements indicated in the EOI requirements section will be shortlisted following successful evaluation of their offering/solution proposal.

6.0 Next Steps

- Suppliers that express interest to participate in the provision of the above-mentioned scopes and meet our requirements, shall be prequalified in their area(s) of expertise, subject to the provision of required documentation.
- Suppliers that meet the minimum evaluation in the EOI and pre-qualification criteria will be considered for further discussion on the tender process.

7.0 Note

- Safaricom PLC reserves, at its sole discretion, the right to select or reject either in totality or partially, any or all proposals made in the context of this EOI. Any such decisions made will be final and no correspondence will be engaged into, other than for informing the bidders of the outcome of the process.
- The receipt of a response shall not bind Safaricom into any contractual agreements with the bidder. Such arrangements shall only come into place once a tender process has been undertaken and an award issued to successful bidder(s) as evaluated technically and commercially.

Table 1: List of Relevant Projects Experience:

List of past projects (not more than 5 years) and ongoing projects of similar scope delivered to a telecommunication company or any other works of similar nature to corporate clients.

Project Description	Year of Project Delivery	Country	Client name	Project Value	Contact email and phone