

1K-29921 Compulsory Clarification meeting Questions and answers

Question 1.

Section 7.5.2 – 7.5.4 of the TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS for the microwave equipment is specifically for Aviat Networks equipment. Namely the WTM 4000, WTM 4200 and WTM 4800 microwave radios. The Transport Router (Section 7.5.5) is for the Aviat Networks CTR 8740. The technical specification in the tender is almost word-for-word as the datasheet/brochure from Aviat. For reference, please see the attached Data Sheet for the Aviat Networks WTM 4000 Microwave radio?

Answer 1.

We will accept any offering able to produce the throughput as articulated in the Schedule of Rates and the attached coordinates sheet. **(this will form part of the First notice/addendum).**

Any offering that will give the desired output

Question 2.

There are items on unlicensed bands. Was it already determined that they will be in area with no interferences? If yes, what links/sites will be on unlicensed bands, on licensed bands and on E bands?

Answer 2.

It was not determined. The unlicensed links will be used where it is deemed necessary.

Question 3.

The requirement for the service provider to possess an ECS and/or ECNS licences is not a fair and just request because it is impossible to acquire as ICASA has not issued these licences in over 12 years. This means that companies who were either formed after 2012 or have tried to acquire this licence since 2012, will automatically be excluded from this tender by no fault of theirs. This information can be verified with ICASA.

Answer 3.

An ECNS license is a mandatory requirement. **(this will form part of the First notice/addendum).**

Question 4.

Supply and installation schedule or expectations, will this be done once off or as and when required basis? This affects equipment ordering and deliveries as well as resourcing on the project (they have indicated there is no minimum order quantity provision?).

Answer 4.

The tender will be on an as-and-when-required basis, mainly informed by budget availability.

Question 5.

Licensing engagement with ICASA, will this be expected as part of the bidding process or after appointment?

Answer 5.

After appointment.

Question 6.

Please could you explain ACT 4 on page 14 of 66 - "ACT4 MISCELLANEOUS Any miscellaneous items necessary for the normal functioning of the units which is not specified in the tender must be added to the tender and submitted as an addendum."?

Answer 6.

The Bidder Must provide a list of items needed to complete the installation which are not included in the schedule of rates as an addendum. Those items need to be added together and their total price be included in the Schedule of Rates under Miscellaneous. If there is no additional list of items, the bidder must put R0 under Miscellaneous in the Schedule of Rates.

Question 7.

What is the total distance of the project from South, Central, West, and North?

Answer 7.

Please refer to the co-ordinates list.

Question 8.

Regarding the part on training, do we know how many trainees are required to be trained?

Answer 8.

The schedule of rates asks for a rate of 1 technical trainee and one operator trainee. The total number of trainees will be confirmed once the contract has been awarded.

Question 9.

Is there a possibility of a two-week extension? Can I please request an extension, these delays for gps coordinates my solutions architect cannot price accordingly without them I have lost almost a week already?

Answer 9.

Not necessarily because you are supposed to quote per link and not per site. There is no need for a design proposal at this stage.

Question 10.

is it possible to have a more clear diagram?

Answer 10.

The diagram is just for information purposes only as the design will take place after the award however, more information about the sites that are reflected in the diagram is in the coordinate list that will be provided.

Question 11.

Are there other fibre backhaul requirements?

Answer 11.

None

Question 12.

List of current backhaul service providers?

Answer 12.

The Fiber backhaul is what the council is currently using, and it is council-owned. The list of service providers is not static and as such will only be shared after the award.

Question 13.

Can you provide the heights and the coordinates of each site requiring links? If the required bandwidth per site is known, please provide?

Answer13.

Please refer to the attached coordinates document however, the actual throughput will be confirmed during the implementation.