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| TO: | All Bidders | FROM: | CTBTO<br>Procurement Services Section |
| DATE: | 29 October 2026 | REF.: | RFP No. 2026-0088/RICKARD |
| | | EMAIL: | procurement@ctbto.org |
| SUBJECT: | **Clarifications No. 1**<br>**RFP No. 2026-0088/RICKARD: Provision of Linux Support Services** | | |

Dear Bidders,

Reference is made to the Request for Proposal No. 2026-0088/RICKARD: "Provision of Linux Support Services" (the "RFP"):

- Please find attached the **Clarifications No. 1** to questions raised by interested Bidders.

Clarifications No. 1 are an integral part of the RFP documents and shall be considered in the preparation and submission of the proposal.

We are looking forward to receiving the proposals prior to the submission deadline as indicated on CTBTO Ariba.

Sincerely,

CTBTO Procurement Services Section

**Attachment**

- *Clarifications No. 1*

# Clarifications No. 1 - questions and answers

| # | Bidders' Question | Answer |
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| 1 | **Equivalent certifications:** Would an LPIC-1 certification be accepted as equivalent to the required RHCSA-level certification? More generally, could you please clarify which alternative certifications would be considered equivalent and acceptable under this requirement? | LPIC-1 is not considered equivalent to the RHCSA. As per ToR section 4.1, the RHCSA certification is a mandatory requirement. |
| 2 | **Submission of certifications:** Would it be permissible to propose qualified personnel who do not yet hold the required certification at the time of bid submission, provided that the certification is obtained and submitted prior to contract commencement in the event of a contract award? | This is not acceptable. The CVs of proposed staff must demonstrate compliance to mandatory requirements at the time of proposal submission.<br><br>Please refer to ToR section 4.1 for the full list of mandatory requirements for personnel. |