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ASSISTANCE *RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS*

Tender Reference No:2025-08-071

Project Name: U-VOTE (Ukrainians Voting: Organizing Trustworthy Elections)

Assignment Name: For the Microsoft HCI Hyperconverged Infrastructure Deployment Services for the Central Election Commission of Ukraine

Based on questions received, the information below is provided for clarification regarding the tender referenced above. Please note if new questions are received, they will be added to this document.

1. Question:

We would like to kindly ask whether it would be possible to revise the tender requirements to **allow subcontracting**.

Response:

Due to compelling reasons for including a subcontracting provision in the contract, International IDEA has decided to make this amendment and extend the deadline for the deployment tender by 14 days.

Please see the **Addendum to the Tender Notice** at the following link:

<https://www.idea.int/procurement-and-tenders>

2. Question:

Could you please confirm that **section 3.1** refers only to the delivery of Microsoft software licenses under a separate tender, and that **tender 2025-08-070** does **not** require any delivery activities? In other words, could you clarify that the **deployment of services is not part of this assignment**?

Response:

Yes, that is correct. Section 3.1 refers exclusively to the delivery of Microsoft software licenses, which are covered under a separate tender. Tender 2025-08-070 does not involve any delivery activities. To clarify, the deployment of services is not part of this assignment and will be addressed under a different tendering process. Technical requirements for deploying Microsoft Windows Server Datacenter software and Microsoft System Center tools (Annex 2.3) are mentioned only to provide a comprehensive view of the entire project.

3. Question:

In the tender documentation, it is stated that at least one employee must hold a valid certificate “Lenovo Certified Data Centre Technical Professional or another similar Lenovo certificate for working with ThinkSystem/ThinkAgile server solutions.”

After reviewing Lenovo’s official certification programs, we could not identify a certificate with the exact title “**Lenovo Certified Data Centre Technical Professional.**” Instead, Lenovo currently offers the “**Lenovo Certified Data Center Technical Sales Professional**”.

Could you kindly clarify whether the intention was to require the “**Lenovo Certified Data Center Technical Sales Professional**” certificate?

Response:

As mentioned in the tender documentation, “at least one (1) employee with a valid Lenovo Certified Data Centre Technical Professional certificate or other similar Lenovo certificate for working with ThinkSystem/ThinkAgile server solutions”. Given that the subject of the procurement includes, among other things, services for deploying hyperconverged infrastructure based on Lenovo ThinkSystem SR645 V3 servers, a similar certificate may be considered to be confirmation of engineering competence in working with the specified type of server equipment, for example, successfully passing the Lenovo Data Centre Technical Certification Exam, LENU-322C (<https://lenovopress.lenovo.com/course/lenu-322c-sg>)