



KENYA MARITIME AUTHORITY

ADDENDUM

Reference is made to Tender No. KMA/ONT/07/2025-2026 for Procurement of Next Generation Firewall and Security Router for Enhanced ICT Security, which was advertised on 26th May, 2026 and is due to close and open on 3rd June, 2026 at 10:00am.

Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA) wishes to notify all tenderers participating in the above tender on the clarification below.

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1	KMA/ONT/07/2025-2026	Procurement of Next Generation Firewall and Security Router for Enhanced ICT Security	Edge Router Quantity and Deployment Location The Terms of Reference refer to deployment of a new edge router at both Headquarters and Disaster Recovery sites, while the technical specification and price schedule indicate one edge router. Kindly confirm the exact quantity required and the intended deployment location.	Edge Router Quantity and Deployment Location The scope of this tender is for the supply, installation, configuration, and integration of one (1) enterprise edge router to be deployed at the Headquarters (HQ) site. The reference to Headquarters and Disaster Recovery (DR) sites describes the overall network environment and interoperability requirements.
			Firewall Quantity and High Availability Requirement The DMZ firewall specification indicates one firewall, while also referencing High Availability	Firewall Quantity and High Availability Requirement The current requirement is for one (1) Next Generation Firewall (NGFW) appliance together with

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			<p>configurations including Active-Active, Active-Passive and Clustering. Kindly confirm whether the requirement is for a single firewall appliance or an HA pair.</p>	<p>the associated virtualized management platform. The references to High Availability (HA), Active-Active, Active-Passive, and clustering refer to supported features and future scalability of the proposed solution, and not the current procurement quantity.</p>
			<p>NGINX WAF / Load Balancer Environment Kindly confirm whether KMA will provide the virtualization environment, compute resources, operating system and SSL certificates for the NGINX WAF/load balancer deployment, or whether these should be included in the bidder's scope and pricing.</p>	<p>NGINX WAF / Load Balancer Environment The Authority will provide the virtualization environment and VM resources for the NGINX WAF / Load Balancer deployment. The successful bidder shall be responsible for installation, operating system hardening, configuration, integration, documentation, and knowledge transfer. The Authority intends to initially utilize open-source/public SSL solutions such as Let's Encrypt, acme.sh, or equivalent, pending procurement of long-term commercial SSL certificates.</p>

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			<p>Client-to-Site VPN Scope Kindly confirm the expected number of VPN users/endpoints, whether MFA/2FA is required, and whether the VPN should terminate on the new Check Point firewall, existing Fortinet firewall, Cisco router or a dedicated VPN platform.</p>	<p>Client-to-Site VPN Scope The bidder shall propose a secure, scalable, and cost-effective client-to-site VPN solution that integrates seamlessly with the existing infrastructure without introducing unnecessary complexity or recurring licensing costs. Preference shall be given to vendor-native or license-free VPN solutions. The solution should support integration with Active Directory and future MFA/2FA enhancement. The bidder may recommend the most suitable VPN termination point within the proposed architecture, provided it aligns with security best practices and operational simplicity.</p>
			<p>Request an extension of the tender In addition, we kindly request an extension of the tender closing date from 2nd June 2026 to 10th June 2026. This extension will allow us adequate time to incorporate the requested clarifications, engage the respective OEMs, secure authorization letters, finalize the bid security and prepare a fully responsive submission. The request is also made considering the two intervening public holidays, which reduce the effective working days available for preparation</p>	<p>Tender closing/opening date remains 3rd June, 2026 at 10.00am</p>

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All other details and conditions in the tender document remain the same.

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