



Subject: Questions & Answers RFQ/10/038

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1. Why is MySQL being specified when the Electoral Commission of Uganda holds Oracle licenses and is standardized on the Oracle database system?
A: This decision was made solely for cost reasons. The Online NVR will use a copy of the database hosted on different hardware. If it is possible to do this under Oracle's licensing without paying for additional licenses or if the vendor can provide a solution based upon Oracle that is cost-competitive with others using a free database platform, there is no objection to using Oracle.
2. For which channels/media should the application be enabled? Only web? Or also Mobile Web, and also SMS?
A: For purposes of this bid it is only necessary to enable this for web-access. We envision a future RFQ for SMS access. Including mobile web access in the bid would add value and would be considered as an option.
3. If SMS would be one of the channels, do you wish to use a shortcode? Should the service be free to the end-user hence are you capable of picking up the full bill, or do you want to break-even, or would you like to earn money from the service?
A: SMS is not a part of this RFQ.
4. Could you define 'Secure PDF'? At which point do you consider a PDF secure?
A: We recognize that there are varying degrees of security for a PDF file. At a minimum, the PDF should not allow copy and paste of text. This might be done by using Adobe's built-in security configuration, third-party tools, or custom solutions. Vendors are invited to explain the level of security their solution will provide.
5. We presume the EC already has an internet connection. Are you sure you would like us to offer a second, parallel connection just for the purpose of this application? It seems to make more sense to increase the capacity of their existing connection according to our specs. We can provide price indications according to current market rates.
A: This should be a separate connection.

6. The document does not mention how the source-data of the register is provided. Is there a direct link available into the database (and what is then the database platform), or will a copy of the database be provided at certain moments in time. If so, in which format, and at which moments in time?

A: The Online NVR system will connect to a copy of the voter register database and will only be allowed to access the database through stored procedures which the vendor will be required to provide. The database platform should be provided by the vendor as part of this bid. Database structure will be made available immediately following award.

7. As we know the source database is in Oracle format, is it ok to use Oracle (which is not closed source) as part of the solution?

A: If it is possible to do this under Oracle's licensing without paying for additional licenses, or if the vendor can provide a solution based upon Oracle that is competitive with others using a free database platform, there is no objection to using Oracle.