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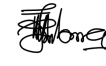
PROCUREMENT OF INTERNET AND DATA CONNECTIVITY SERVICE

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Question Nº	Question	SADC Secretariat Response
Nr.1	I noted the requirement that the bidder be established and maintain an operational presence within the SADC region. Could you please clarify whether a U.S. technology company may participate as a subcontractor or consortium member with an eligible SADC-established prime contractor? If so, we would appreciate any guidance on whether the bidding documents impose specific eligibility or registration requirements on a non-SADC subcontractor/technology partner.	Participation in the tender and in award of contracts shall be open on equal terms to Joint ventures / Consortium pursuant to paragraph 3.2 to 3.4 of Section I. Instructions to Bidders of the Bidding Document. Further note the need to meet the compliance requirements for Joint Ventures/Consortium as per Section III. (Award, Evaluation and Qualification/Selection Criteria) of the Bidding Document. Also note that as per ITB 33.6 the SADC shall grant Regional Preference for the purpose of the evaluation only of this Contract.

End of Responses

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