

16 March 2026

ERRATUM

(RFQ No. 3723/18/03/2026)

Request for Quotation (RFQ) for the supply of two (2) rack mountable servers to the CSIR.

On Wednesday, 04 March 2026, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) invited bidders to submit proposals for the above-mentioned RFQ with a closing date of Wednesday, 18 March 2026 @ 16h30.

The CSIR appreciates your interest in responding to the Request for Quotation.

Please note the following amendment in the advertised tender document:

1. The new closing date **Monday, 23 March 2026 at 16h30.**
2. **Removal of last line item under specification table** in Annexure A :
5 Year VMware vSphere Standard subscription - VCF-VSP-STD-8 (Dual CPU with 32C ie 64 Cores per server)
3. **Removal of Item 2 in Annexure B : PRICING SCHEDULE (5 Year VMware vSphere Standard subscription - VCF-VSP-STD-8 (Dual CPU with 32C ie 64 Cores per server)The item is no longer needed.**

The CSIR wishes to encourage you to submit a response to this Quotation, and to apologise for any inconveniences caused as a result of this erratum.

Enquiries may be directed to tender@csir.co.za (Please use RFQ number as subject reference).

Annexure A

Specification Table

Qty	Description	Tick
1	2U rack server chassis, 2.5 inch bays, supporting up to 24 front-accessible drives, with up to 16 x SAS/SATA bays and up to 8 x direct NVMe bays (U.2/U.3), hot-plug	
2	Dual-socket server platform with current-generation high-performance x86 CPUs, approximately 32 cores per CPU, DDR5-6400 support	
8	128GB RDIMMs for 1 TB DDR5 total memory at 6400 MT/s, populated to leave 50% expansion capacity (for example 8 x 128 GB or 4 x 256 GB, leaving free slots)	
1	Storage controller for SAS/SATA drives: 12 Gb/s SAS hardware RAID controller supporting atleast RAID 6, with cache and cache protection (flash or battery), and support for hot-plug and drive health monitoring	
1	Dedicated, redundant boot solution for the hypervisor (RAID1), implemented as either a boot optimized storage module or dual mirrored M.2 SSDs or equivalent. (Dual 512GB SSDs)	
14	2.4TB+ 2.5 inch enterprise class SAS HDD, 12 Gb/s, 10K RPM or higher, hot-plug, with carriers	
6	1.92TB+ 2.5 inch enterprise class data center NVMe SSD, mixed-use U.2/U.3, hot-plug with carriers, on direct NVMe backplane	
1	Out-of-band management with full remote lifecycle management: remote console, virtual media, power control, and remote OS installation (equivalent to iDRAC, iLO, XClarity, IMC)	
2	Dual hot-plug redundant PSUs (1+1) sized for the full configuration including GPUs, with required C13-C19 PDU power cords 2m+	
1	Networking: OCP 3.0 NIC (or equivalent supported form factor) quad port 10/25 GbE SFP28	
4	10Gb/s required SFP modules (GBIC)	
2	Nvidia GPUs: data center class GPUs with at least 24 GB VRAM each, passive cooling preferred for rack servers, PCIe, single-wide where applicable (or OEM equivalent)	
1	Sliding rails compatible with standard 19 inch EIA-310 racks without management arms	
1	Front-to-back airflow (cold aisle front intake, rear exhaust)	
1	Shipping and protective packaging included for all equipment	

Minimum Warranties and Support

- Term: 60 months (5 years) OEM warranty and support for the supplied servers, including parts and labor.
- Support: 24x7x365 access to OEM or OEM-authorized technical support.
- Onsite response: 4-hour onsite response, 24x7x365, mission critical, for hardware faults (qualified technician on site within 4 hours)
- Proactive monitoring (Out-of-band management): Included, with automated hardware fault alerting (disks, RAID, PSU, fans, temperature, memory).
- Access entitlement to OEM firmware, BIOS, and driver updates for the full support term.
- The bidder may not substitute reseller-only support for OEM backed support at any stage of the warranty duration.
- Servers must be supplied by an established enterprise server OEM through an OEM-authorized channel, with OEM-backed 5 year support and verified local SLA deliverability.

Provide an upfront price for an optional 24-month OEM extension at the same SLA level as a separate line item.

Annexure B

Pricing Schedule

Item No	Description	Quantity (for each server)	Unit Price (VAT Excl.)	Total Price (VAT Excl.)
1	Rack Mountable Servers as specified in annexure A	2		
2	Warranties & Support As specified on Annexure A	2		
3	Delivery fee (Shipping for all equipment)	1		
4	Installation & Configuration (according to CSIR DC standards)	2		
Total Price (VAT Excl.)				
VAT (15%)				
Total Price (VAT Incl)				

Minimum Warranties and Support: Upfront quotation for optional 24 months extension from OEM

Item No	Description	Quantity (Per server)	Unit Price (VAT Excl.)	Total Price (VAT Excl.)
1	Optional 24 months warranty extension from OEM at the same level as the original warranty	2		
Total Price (VAT Excl.)				
VAT (15%)				
Total Price (VAT Incl)				