

CORRIGENDUM – 1

December 19, 2025

Request for Proposal (RFP) - CAFRAL/00191/10.14.001/2025-26 for Supply, Installation, Commissioning, support and Training of High-Performance CPU Based Cluster.

Noteworthy Clarification and replies to the pre-bid queries raised as under

Sr. No	Pre-Bid query	CAFRAL Response
1	Increase in the storage capacity from 75 TiB to achieve prescribed performance	CAFRAL requirement is minimum 75 TiB storage with prescribed performance. It is the prerogative of the bidder to supply a higher capacity storage. The same will be acceptable to CAFRAL.
2	Number of Rack to be mentioned considering power usage.	We propose to amend 2 nos. of Racks in the specification considering power required for single rack is lower as compare to overall power required for the entire solution.
3	Inclusion of HCI installation instead only HPC installation	We may insist on HPC installation reference only since the capability required for HPC is completely different than HCI.
4	Request for reducing percentage of retention amount i.e. from 10% to 2-3% as per Amendments to India's General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017.	It has been decided to retain 10% retention amount after referring to the publicly available tender documents.
5	Delivery and installation timeline to be revised from 8-14 weeks to 10-16 weeks	We have considered this suggestion i.e. timeline for delivery and installation will now be 10-16 weeks and RFP document will be amended accordingly.

6	Acceptance of open-source OS and tools	We accept open-source OS and tools provided the same should be stable, supported, and shall meet all functional and performance requirements outlined in the tender for the HPC environment. The overall responsibility for solution compatibility and support shall rest with the OEM.
7	Responsibility and accountability for installation	We propose to amend RFP with the clause that the responsibility and accountability shall rest with the OEM.
8	Manufacturers Authorization Certificate (MAF) Clarification	The Manufacturers Authorization Certificate (MAF) must be submitted for the concerned tender/bid. The certificate should clearly state that if the bidder fails to provide the service support, updates, or upgrades, the OEM will take full responsibility for providing support throughout the warranty period. Failure to submit the MAF will lead to rejection of the submitted bid/tender. The MAF must also confirm that the quoted server will not reach End of Life (EOL) or End of Service (EOS) for the next seven (7) years.