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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR THE SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

Solicitation Reference: APN/PNW/PNP/2026/07/001
Amendment No. 1

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the proposal submission due date from August 16, 2026, to August 31, 2026, and the anticipated contract start date from September 1, 2026, to October 1, 2026 (Changes highlighted).

All other terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged.





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Parameter	Details
Assignment Title	Senior Consultant in Security Technologies : Inception Evaluation, Solution Design, and Implementation Audit
Organization	African Parks Network (APN) - Pendjari & W National Parks Republic of Benin
Contract Type	Individual Consultant Contract (ICC) - Intermittent, Call-Down on Demand
Contract Duration	3 Years (o/a October 1, 2026, to o/a July 31, 2029)
Duty Station	Benin - Pendjari and W National Parks, with travel between sites and the national headquarters in Cotonou as required
Reporting Line	Park Managers of Pendjari and W National Parks (Direct Supervisors)
Expected Start Date	October 1, 2026 (or as soon as possible)
Reporting Line	Park Managers of Pendjari and W National Parks (Direct Supervisors)
Selection Method	Combined Technical and Financial Evaluation (Quality and Cost-Based Selection - QCBS)
Submission Deadline	August 31, 2026, at 18:00 PM (Benin Time, GMT+1)

1. Context and Justification

African Parks is a non-profit conservation organisation that assumes full responsibility for the rehabilitation and long-term management of national parks in partnership with governments and local communities. We currently manage 24 national parks and protected areas in 13 countries covering more than 20 million hectares: Angola, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Since 2017, the Beninese government has entered into a long-term agreement with African Parks to revitalise, rehabilitate, and develop the Pendjari and W national parks. Together, these two parks form an important part of the W-Arly-Pendjari (WAP) complex, a transboundary landscape of global importance representing the largest intact wild ecosystem in West Africa.

To enhance operational security, African Parks is implementing an integrated Security Technology Enhancement Programme across both parks. The programme aims to strengthen the parks' ability to prevent, detect, assess and respond to security threats through the deployment of advanced technologies, including early warning systems, surveillance solutions, radar, ground sensors, drone and counter-drone capabilities, access control, command-and-control infrastructure, night vision technologies and other integrated security systems. Wherever operationally feasible, these technologies



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should also contribute to broader conservation objectives, including wildlife protection, ecological monitoring, law enforcement effectiveness and operational decision-making.

To support the successful delivery of this programme, African Parks is recruiting a Senior Security Technology Consultant to provide independent technical expertise throughout the assessment, solution design and implementation of the programme. The objective is to establish a sustainable Security Technology capability supported by appropriate governance, effective supplier support arrangements and empowered internal Technology teams.

The consultant will assess operational requirements, recommend appropriate technologies, support supplier selection, define technical standards, oversee system integration and technical acceptance, facilitate the recruitment and technical onboarding of a permanent Security Technology Lead, and deliver a comprehensive knowledge transfer programme for African Parks' Technology teams.

By the completion of the consultancy, African Parks should possess a fully implemented, documented and supportable Security Technology capability, with appropriate maintenance arrangements in place, enabling the Security Technology Lead and the Technology teams to sustainably supervise, operate and maintain the deployed systems.

2. Objective of the Assignment

The Senior Security Technology Consultant will provide independent technical expertise to support the assessment, design and implementation of an integrated Security Technology capability across Pendjari and W National Parks.

Working closely with Park Management, the Technology teams and other key stakeholders, the consultant will guide technology decisions, support the selection and integration of appropriate solutions, and ensure that the program delivers a sustainable capability aligned with African Parks' operational security and conservation objectives. The consultant will also conduct financial feasibility assessments of proposed solutions to support decision-making and ensure that selected options are practical, sustainable, and represent good value for money.

The consultant will also support the establishment of the governance, supplier support arrangements and knowledge transfer mechanisms required to ensure the long-term sustainability of the deployed capability. The assignment will conclude with the successful implementation, technical acceptance and handover of the Security Technology capability to the permanent Security Technology Lead, supported by African Parks' Technology teams and qualified suppliers.

The successful candidate should demonstrate sound technical judgement, proven experience in comparable security technology programs, and the ability to deliver practical solutions in demanding operational environments.

3. Key Deliverables

The Consultant will be responsible for the following key tasks:



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1. **Assessment & Design:** Assess operational requirements and develop the Security Technology architecture, implementation roadmap, and strategic recommendations.
2. **Financial Feasibility:** Assess the financial feasibility of proposed solutions, ensuring they are not only functional and applicable, but also cost-effective, aligned with available budget, and represent good value for money.
3. **Recruitment Support:** Support the recruitment and early technical onboarding of the permanent Security Technology Lead.
4. **Procurement Support:** In coordination with the Security Technology Lead, support the evaluation of technology solutions and suppliers, and develop the technical specifications and evaluation criteria required for procurement.
5. **Implementation:** Support the Security Technology Lead in overseeing system integration, testing, and technical acceptance. Ensure Control Rooms in both parks are designed, implemented, and fully operational to required standards.
6. **Governance & Handover:** Establish the governance, documentation, supplier maintenance/support arrangements, and knowledge transfer required for long-term sustainability. Ensure the successful handover of a fully operational, integrated and documented Security Technology capability to the Security Lead, supported by African Parks's Technology teams and qualified suppliers.

4. Schedule of Payments

Payments will be milestone-based upon the satisfactory reception and written approval of each deliverable by the Park Managers. A Schedule of Payments will be incorporated into the contract during the awarding phase.

5. Key Relationships

- **Direct Supervisors:** Park Managers (Pendjari and W)
- **Key Collaborators:** Regional Operations Manager, Country Technology Manager, Park Techs, Security Technology Lead, and HO Head of Conservation Technology.

6. Required Qualifications and Experience

6.1 Academic Background

- **Master's Degree (or higher)** in Telecommunications Engineering, Electronics, Embedded Systems, Network Security, Defense/Military Technologies, Cybersecurity, or a highly related technical field.
- Advanced technical certifications in relevant fields (e.g., CISSP, drone piloting/operations, RF engineering) are highly desirable.

6.2 Professional Experience

- **Minimum 10 years of experience** at a senior level in one or more of the following fields: critical infrastructure security, advanced surveillance systems, defence technology, telecommunications, cybersecurity, or drone/anti-drone systems.



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- Proven experience leading or providing technical oversight for complex security technology programmes involving multiple technologies, suppliers and stakeholders.
- Experience as a security technology specialist, or in specialised roles such as electronic warfare, cybersecurity, or intelligence systems.
- Practical experience with one or more of the following technologies: radar, drone and counter-drone systems, surveillance systems, ground sensors, ISR or command-and-control platforms.
- Experience working in Africa, particularly in West Africa, is strongly appreciated.
- Experience with complex multi-stakeholder engagements.

6.3 Technical Skills

- Demonstrated experience in advanced surveillance, detection, and security systems.
- Strong knowledge of UAV/UAS systems and counter-drone solutions (C-UAS).
- Proficiency in RF detection, signal processing and ground sensor systems.
- Knowledge of AI-based surveillance and analysis solutions.
- Experience with command and control (C2) systems and operational centres.
- Familiarity with geolocation, GIS, multi-sensor data fusion, and satellite technologies.
- Strong understanding of cybersecurity in the context of critical infrastructure.
- Strong stakeholder engagement and communication skills

6.4 Personal Qualities

- Strong personal integrity and reliability.
- Team player with excellent problem-solving abilities.
- Ability to work in remote and austere environments.
- Results-oriented, motivated, creative, highly flexible, and able to adapt to change.
- Excellent written communication and report-writing skills.
- Proficiency in French; English is required.
- Commitment to African Parks' values.

Note on Proof of Experience

Given the senior and highly specialised nature of this consultancy, candidates will be required to provide verifiable evidence of relevant professional experience, including detailed CVs, project references and documentation demonstrating successful delivery of comparable security technology programmes.

7. Evaluation Criteria and Selection Method

Selection will follow the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method (Technical: 80% / Financial: 20%). A minimum technical score of **70 out of 100 points** is required to qualify for the financial evaluation.

7.1 Technical Evaluation Grid (Weight : 80%)

No.	Technical Evaluation Criterion	Max Points
1	Academic Qualifications: Level of degree, relevance to security tech, and advanced technical certifications.	10



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No.	Technical Evaluation Criterion	Max Points
2	General Experience: 10+ years at a senior level in security, defense, or critical infrastructure surveillance.	20
3	Specific Project Experience: Proven experience directing, designing, or auditing multi-vendor technology integrations in remote or high-threat environments.	25
4	Core Technical Mastery: Deep expertise in RF, radars, UAV/C-UAS, command and control (C2), and cybersecurity.	20
5	Contextual Experience: Previous assignments in West Africa and managing multi-stakeholder institutional relations.	10
6	Methodology & Approach: Quality, clarity, and realism of the proposed approach to fulfill the scope of work.	10
7	Technical Interview: (Shortlisted candidates only).	5
-	Total Technical Score	100

7.2 Financial Evaluation (Weight: 20%)

The lowest qualified financial proposal (Fm) receives 100 financial points. Other proposals (F) are scored as follows:

$$\text{Financial Score (Sf)} = 100 \times \left(\frac{Fm}{F} \right)$$

The final combined score is calculated as:

$$\text{Total Score} = (\text{Technical Score} \times 0.80) + (\text{Financial Score} \times 0.20)$$

8. Application Requirements

To be considered, candidates must submit a compliant dossier containing:

1. **A Technical Proposal / Cover Letter** stating the candidate's interest, experience, and specific methodology for this assignment.
2. **A detailed CV** mentioning the references of three (03) people with their email addresses to be contacted;
3. **A scanned copy of the required degree and certifications;**
4. **Documented proof of previous professional experience** relevant to this consultancy (project references, contracts, reports, etc.).
5. **Financial Proposal:** An all-inclusive daily rate in USD or CFA.



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9. Submission Guidelines

Applications must be submitted electronically to the following secure address: nadeged@africanparks.org no later than **August 31, 2026, at 18:00 PM (GMT+1)**. The subject line of the email must read: "RFP - Security Tech Consultant - APN Benin".

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

African Parks is committed to diversity and encourages qualified female candidates to apply