



THE UNIVERSITY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

TENDER NOTICE

The University of Trinidad and Tobago (UTT) invites companies that are prequalified with the Office of Procurement Regulation (OPR) Depository for the listed Line of Business (LOB) to submit bids for the following tender:

Tender Reference No.	Title	Line of Business	Closing Date/Time
2026-TN005-ITS-MUL	Provision And Deployment of an Enterprise Network Storage System	Computer Data Storage Management Systems 43212201 – Storage Virtualisation System	21 st April 2026, 12:00 noon

- Tenderers are invited to visit UTT’s website at <https://utt.edu.tt/procurement-resources> and E-Tender portal at <https://utt.etenderworld.tt/> to view the detailed Procurement Notices.
- Tenderers must be pre-qualified for the LOB on the OPR’s Depository as stated above, on or before the closing date and time.
- Queries / issues with accessing the documents are to be sent via email to tenders@utt.edu.tt.
- There are no scheduled site visits for this tender.

Chief Procurement Officer, UTT



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TENDER BRIEF

INVITATION TO TENDER (ITT)

PROVISION AND DEPLOYMENT OF AN ENTERPRISE NETWORK STORAGE SYSTEM

REFERENCE NO.: 2026-TN005-ITS-MUL

16TH MARCH 2026

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1. Title and Reference

Title: Provision and Deployment of an Enterprise Network Storage System.

Tender Reference Number: 2026-TN005-ITS-MUL

Computer data storage management systems - UNSPS Code: Line of Business
UNSPS Code 43212201 – “: **Storage virtualization system**”

2. Background and Context

UTT currently uses the Dell EMC Unity 300 enterprise storage technology which was purchased in 2019. This storage connects to a blade server platform, and supports a virtualised environment of about 150 virtual servers. It hosts business applications, databases, department file shares, and accessible digital multimedia archives, as well as short term replicated data backups and server snapshots. The equipment is six years old which is beyond the five-year average useful life of this category of equipment when technology changes and manufacturer support cycles are considered, and will reach its end-of-support-life (EOSL) on July 31st, 2026. UTT is seeking to replace this equipment with newer technology which will provide enhanced technical features, performance, information security, and reliability to meet the University’s current and future operational requirements.

3. Scope of Requirement

UTT is seeking a solution to replace the Dell Unity 300 storage equipment at the two core computing sites at the Tamana and Pt. Lisas campuses. The storage at each site should consist of Flash storage, and SAS HDD storage no slower than 10K, assigned to different applications. The SSD storage will generally used for high performance applications and databases, and the 10K for less demanding applications, file shares, short term backup and accessible archives.

4. Performance and Quality Requirements

The proposed solution must meet the following specific disk configuration:

- **Performance Tier:** Minimum **24TB** usable Flash storage, before compression and deduplication. This tier must support sub-millisecond latency for mission-critical SQL/Application Virtual Machines.
- **Capacity Tier:** Minimum **276TB**, before compression and deduplication, usable high-capacity SAS storage with minimum 10K speed.
 - **76TB** allocated for standard application VMs.
 - **200TB** allocated for department file shares and multimedia archives.
- **Scalability:** The architecture must allow for at least 100% independent scaling of Flash and/ or SAS tiers as needs evolve over the next 5 years.

The storage is distributed between the two computing sites as follows -

i.Pt. Lisas configuration

- Redundant controllers for failover high availability
- 12TB usable Flash
- 88TB usable 10K SAS
- Total Minimum 100TB usable storage.

ii.Tamana Configuration

- Redundant controllers for failover high availability
- 12TB usable Flash
- 188TB usable 10K SAS
- Total Minimum 200TB usable storage

5. Timeframes and Milestones

Implementation

- The implementation should be OEM-led and maybe online project management rather than onsite.
- The implementation of the solution must include the co-existence of the two storage environments, the configuration of the new environment to meet the existing needs, and the migration of data between the two environments.
- The implementation must include the re-configuration of, and migration of data for at least five (5) VMware virtual servers, for UTT to perform the bulk of the migration.
- The implementation must include the configuration of SMB file shares and the migration of the first 20TB of data at each site, with UTT performing the balance.
- An in-depth knowledge of VMware is required for implementation.

Training

- Training should be OEM-led, and must be provided before hand over of the system.
- The training must encompass at minimum the configuration implemented, operational considerations from a management and maintenance perspective, routine tasks, the use of the central management utility, monitoring, analysis, reporting and basic customising
- The training may be either online or on-site at UTT.

6. Contract Type (please put text below to reflect this ITT)

Fixed price contract.

7. Eligibility and Mandatory Requirements

a. Pre-qualification with The Office of Procurement Regulation (OPR)

- i. Computer data storage management systems-** evidence of **pre-qualification** for the listed **Line of Business UNSPS Code 43212201 – “Storage virtualization system”**.

b. Statutory Requirements

- ii. Trinidad & Tobago Companies ONLY:**

- i. Valid Income/Corporation Tax Clearance Certificate (Regulations – Form C) or letter of exemption issued by the Board of Inland Revenue*
- ii. Valid Value Added Tax Clearance Certificate*
- iii. Valid National Insurance Scheme Certificate of Compliance*

iii. Foreign Companies ONLY:

- a. Certificate of Registration / Incorporation / Existence / Good Standing or equivalent

*Kindly note that all statutory documents submitted must be **valid as at the closing date of this ITT**. Evidence of applications for these documents will NOT be accepted.*

c. Organisational/ Financial Requirements:

- i. Audited Financial Statements for the last three (3) years (*Management Accounts certified by a Chartered Accountant will be accepted where audited statements are not yet available for the most recent year*).
- ii. Bank Reference Letter confirming financial standing
- iii. Customers and Client References
- iv. Public Liability Insurance
- v. Workmen’s Compensation
- vi. Current letter of reseller authorisation

d. Forms /Templates

- i. Form of Tender
- ii. Participant’s Declaration Form
- iii. Conflict of Interest Declaration

e. Technical/Other Documentation (Tender Specific)

As defined in the Scope of Services:

- i. Completed Implementation Strategy
- ii. Completed Bid Sheet
- iii. Completed Solutions Requirement
- iv. Completed Project Schedule
- v. Payment Terms/Schedule. Kindly note that that the UTT’s standard payment terms are Net 30 days.

Failure to comply with the above shall result in the Tender being rejected as non-responsive.

8. Evaluation Overview

The evaluation process will be assessed through the following:

- a. Pre-qualification with the Office of Procurement Regulation for Computer data storage management systems - **LOB 43212201** “Storage virtualization system”
- b. Statutory Assessment
- c. Financial Capability Assessment
- d. Mandatory Documentation Submission
- e. Quality/Technical Assessment
- f. Price/Financial Assessment

g. Combined Score & Ranking

Observance of a standstill period of ten (10) working days shall be in accordance with The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property Act 2015 and The Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Property (Simplified Procurement) Regulations, 2024.

9. Detailed Tender Package

The detailed tender package is available on our E-Tender Platform at <https://utt.etenderworld.tt/>.

Please log in or create an account to access the documentation.

10. Contact

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All other queries relating to the contents of the tender documents are to be submitted strictly in accordance with the instructions published therein.

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16th March 2026