



## National Information and Communications Technology Authority

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Request For Proposals

#### Book Writing, Editing & Publishing Services

The National Information and Communications Technology Authority (NICTA) is an independent regulatory authority established under the *National Information and Communications Technology Act 2009*. NICTA is responsible for regulating the ICT sector in Papua New Guinea (PNG), covering telecommunications, radiocommunications, and broadcasting.

#### About the Project

NICTA holds a non-exclusive, worldwide license for two books by the late James Sinclair:

1. *Uniting a Nation: The Postal and Telecommunication Services of Papua New Guinea* (1984); and
2. *PTC: Uniting a Nation Through the 1980s* (1993).

This license permits NICTA to exploit the copyright in each book by editing, updating, and incorporating new content (such as prefaces or new chapters). The updated editions (referred to as the 'New Works') will preserve the original text while reflecting developments in telecommunications up to 2024. These revised editions will be published in both print and digital formats and distributed locally and internationally before or by 31 August 2025, as part of PNG's 50<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary celebrations.

#### Who Can Apply?

NICTA invites proposals from qualified PNG and international publishing companies with experience in book writing, editing and publishing.

#### Evaluation Criteria

While price is a key factor, NICTA prioritizes quality and value. Proposals should demonstrate a clear understanding of the project's objectives and align pricing accordingly. Submissions will be assessed based on:

- Proven experience in book publishing, particularly historical or commemorative editions;
- Capability to deliver high-quality printed materials within deadlines;
- Experience working with government agencies or historical publications; and
- Preferably prior experience in the telecommunications and ICT sectors generally.

## **Project Vision**

The New Works—whether it is a three-volume set each covering pre-Independence-1984, 1985-1993 and 1994-2024 *or* condensed special edition of some 400-500 pages *or* digital + print hybrid—will chronicle five decades of PNG’s telecommunications journey, exploring its historical significance, technological advancements, and future aspirations based on the government’s digital transformation vision.

These updated editions will serve as educational and archival resources, preserving telecommunications history in physical and digital formats for present and future generations.

## **Submission Details**

Proposals must be addressed to the Chairman, NICTA Supply & Tenders Committee, and submitted no later than **Friday, 25 April 2025**, via:

- **Email:** Send a soft copy to [bookRFP@nicta.gov.pg](mailto:bookRFP@nicta.gov.pg)
- **Hand-Delivery:** Drop a hard copy in the Tender Box at NICTA Reception, Punaha ICT Haus, Corner of Frangipani & Croton Street, Hohola, National Capital District, PNG

For full project details, including scope, technical requirements, and evaluation criteria, download the Request for Proposals document from the NICTA website: <https://www.nicta.gov.pg/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/RFP-Book-Writing-Editing-Publishing-Services-060425.pdf>

**Important:** NICTA reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and to annul the bidding process at any time without liability.

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to a significant national milestone. We look forward to receiving your proposals.

**Authorised by  
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Chief Executive Officer**