Medical tech developers awarded

By Abdulkarim Ssengendo

About 290 innovators from different parts of the world over the weekend camped at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) to take part in the sixth Annual CAMTech Uganda Medtech Hack-a-thon to develop medical technologies that target improving community health services.

The innovators, who included clinicians, engineers, entrepreneurs, students and designers, pitched 71 ideas related to solving community health services challenges. They formed multi-disciplinary teams, prototyped solutions and developed business models before presenting their ideas to an expert panel of judges.

“It is surprising what can come out of a group of people who are passionate about reaching solutions,” Dr Kristian Olson, the director of CAMTech said. “We are coming up with a solution to engage the end-user in what would make their lives easier, more fulfilling and more productive. We want to see not one spark from this weekend, not two sparks, but many sparks that are moving the needle on obtaining community health access.”

Winners and innovations

Virtual Health Team emerged the overall winner of the competition, bagging shs3.5m at the grand prize. The team presented a prototype of an app that trains Village Health Team (VHTs) to provide health education tools for their communities in a profit-sharing model that incentivises VHTs.

Other winners in the competition included Digital Health Development Agency (DHA) Team Breast Me Bag and Team Wash. Team DHA was awarded shs2.8m for innovating a device that improves communication between health providers and those with a hearing impairment.

Team Breast Me Bag (shs1.2m) innovated a breast temperature-controlled storage for breast milk while Team Wash (shs1.1m) presented a system that reinforces handwashing reminders.

Team Mosquito Attracting and Killing Bulb, plus Helping Mothers Team were given honourable mentions and awarded shs365,000. In addition to receiving the prize money, CAMTech Uganda, which is part of the MUST Centre for Innovation and Technology Transfer, will offer all the 40 teams from the hack-a-thon an opportunity to compete for membership in the CAMTech Accelerator Programme (CAP).

CAP provides milestones-based funding, a coach, participation in the cohort, expert acceleration support, according to Dr Santorino Data, CAMTech Uganda’s country manager.

“A problem that is identified by a human being is exactly the same problem that a human being can solve,” Data said.

Richard James Mukaaga, a senior systems analyst with the ICT ministry, said the Government was behind programmes that target supporting young innovators.

He said the Government has faith in innovation to transform the country.

He said the Government was committed to absorbing innovations aimed at addressing challenges affecting the communities.

BETWEEN THE LINES

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About CAMTech

CAMTech is a global network of academic, corporate and implementation partners whose mission is to build expert capacity and accelerate medical technology development through an open innovation platform.

Innovators come from public health, clinical medicine, engineering and business world with end-users in low and middle-income countries.

Virtual Health Team, the overall winners of the 2018 hack-a-thon competition celebrate their victory after bagging shs3.5m. Photo by Abdulkarim Ssengendo

OYAM DISTRICT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

INVITATION TO BID (NOTICE NO.3) UNDER OPEN DOMESTIC BIDDING

(a). Oyam District Local Government has received from GO and Donor Agencies among others for the acquisition of Works, Supplies and Services for the FY 2018-2019

(b). In pursuance of the above, Oyam District Local Government now invites sealed bids from interested, eligible and competent bidders for the requirements mentioned below

(c). The invitation to bid is open to all interested bidders and the reservation scheme shall apply to promote local content.

S/N | Pro. Ref No. | Subject of procurement | Amount of Security (Bank draft) |
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1 | OYAM572/WRKS/2018-19/00002 | Construction of a twin staff house and 2 storey VIP latrines with washrooms at Arrogyodang P/S in Aber Sub County | 2,000,000/= |
2 | OYAM572/WRKS/2018-19/00003 | Construction of a twin staff house and 2 storey VIP latrines with washrooms at Abba P/S in Abba Sub County | 2,000,000/= |
3 | OYAM572/WRKS/2018-19/00004 | Construction of 2-classrooms block with water tank harvesting gears at Ondwogi P/S in Ngiak Sub county | 2,000,000/= |
4 | OYAM572/WRKS/2018-19/00005 | Construction of 2-classrooms block with water harvesting gears at Alotuk P/S in Loro Sub county | 2,000,000/= |
5 | OYAM572/WRKS/2018-19/00006 | Construction of 2-classrooms block with water harvesting gears at kulu opuk P/S in Iceme Sub county | 2,000,000/= |
6 | OYAM572/WRKS/2018-19/00007 | Borehole Rehabilitation (10) | 1,000,000/= |
7 | OYAM572/WRKS/2018-19/00008 | Borehole Rehabilitation (10) | 1,000,000/= |
8 | OYAM572/WRKS/2018-19/00009 | Siting, Drilling, Test pumping, Casting and Installation of Deep wells [10] in number | 4,000,000/= |
9 | OYAM572/SUPLS/2018-19/00100 | Siting, Drilling, Test pumping, Casting and Installation of Deep wells [10] in number | 4,000,000/= |
10 | OYAM572/SUPLS/2018-19/00111 | Supply of furniture to Health Department | 1,000,000/= |
11 | OYAM572/SUPLS/2018-19/00112 | Supply of 14 Motorcycles | 2,000,000/= |
12 | OYAM572/SUPLS/2018-19/00113 | Supply of two (2) double cabin Pickups to Oyam DILG | 6,000,000/= |
13 | OYAM572/SUPLS/2018-19/00114 | Design of Low cost sealing of Aldi Awangi Road section 4 | NA |
14 | OYAM572/SUPLS/2018-19/00115 | Consultancy service for Interior design of Administration block/ resource center phase 4 | NA |
15 | OYAM572/SUPLS/2018-19/00116 | Physical planning of Atrca RGC in Aber Sub county | NA |
16 | OYAM572/SUPLS/2018-19/00008 | Physical planning of Atrca RGC in Aber Sub county | NA |

(d). The bidding will be conducted in accordance with Open Domestic Bidding method; a procedure contained in Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act, 2003 as amended 2014 and Local Governments (PPDA) rules and procedures.

Local Governments (PPDA) regulations 2006 procedures.

A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested and eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Ugx: 100,000/= (one hundred thousand only) for each item payable into District Account No. 01983501002597 titled “Oyam District Local Government General Funds”, DCU Bank Lira Branch and there after obtain General Receipt from District Cashier office in Health Department.

Documents may be inspected and issued from: Oyam District Local Government General Funds 8.30am- 5.00pm.

Evaluation of bids shall be based on administrative and eligibility criteria stated in solicitation document sections 2 and 3 among others.

Bids must be hand delivered to the address below (h) at or before 12:00 noon on Monday 17th September, 2018. Bids shall be opened in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who choose to attend at the address below (i) on 17th September, 2018 at 12.30pm same day.

The bidding document is not bound to accept the highest or the lowest bid. Late bids shall be rejected.

The procurement schedule [subject to changes] is as follows;

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