



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **(Consulting Services – Firm Selection)**

Date of Issue: 31st August 2023

Country: Republic of Sierra Leone

Name of Project: Sierra Leone Digital Transformation Project

Consulting Services: Recruitment of a Consulting Firm for the development of a Policy, Legal, and Regulatory Frameworks for the Digital Government Agenda in Sierra Leone

Reference No: SL-MOFED-367857-CS-QCBS

The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Communications, Technology and Innovation has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sierra Leone Digital Transformation Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The general objective of this assignment is to develop a harmonized policy, strategy, legal and regulatory frameworks for a WoG approach to digital Government that will guide governance, design and implementation of digital services at a national scale to meet the challenges of the current global digital economy transformation.

Specific Objectives

- i. Review the existing policy, legal, and regulatory instruments that govern digital Government initiatives in Sierra Leone.
- ii. Evaluate GoSL compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and identify gaps and areas that require improvement in the policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks.
- iii. Identify any potential legal or regulatory risks and make recommendations to mitigate those risks.
- iv. Develop modernization recommendations for amendments and updating the existing or the establishment of a new policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks, where necessary
- v. Develop the draft legal and regulatory framework for Digital Government initiatives in Sierra Leone.
- vi. Provide Technical and Professional support to GoSL for the initial activities undertaken in the realization of the recommendations of the existing or new policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks.

The Project Coordination Unit of the Sierra Leone Digital Transformation Project now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants

should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- Core business and years in business,
- relevant experience,
- technical and managerial capability of the firm.
- Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 Revised November 2017, August 2018 and November, 2020 Procurement Regulations setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Base Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information and detailed Terms of Reference can be obtained at the address below during office hours between 09:00 to 16:00 hours or via email at pcu@sldtp.moic.gov.sl

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail on or before **Friday 15th September, 2023 at 11:00 GMT.**

Project Coordination Unit
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Please indicate clearly the **Name of the Assignment** in the email subject heading and attachment as only electronic submission will be accepted.