



**GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE**

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

**Date of Issue:** 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2023

**Country:** Republic of Sierra Leone

**Name of Project:** Sierra Leone Digital Transformation Project

**Consulting Services:** Recruitment of a Consulting Firm for the Assessment and Transition Strategy Development of the current Government Wide Area, Local Area Networks and Hosting and Storage Infrastructure needs for Digital Services and Systems

**Reference No:** SL-MOFED-367863-CS-QCBS

The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Information and Communications 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 Specific objectives of this activity include:

- 1) Assess the existing WAN and MDA LANs infrastructure to identify strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement, as well as an analysis of the current network expenses to identify cost-reduction opportunities.
- 2) Design a network infrastructure that can accommodate future growth and changing requirements.
- 3) Develop a transition strategy outlining the steps and actions required to upgrade the existing WAN and MDA LAN infrastructure to the proposed design in 2) above.
- 4) Evaluate emerging technologies and international best practices to determine the most suitable network solutions for GoSL's needs. This would include recommendations for hardware, software, network protocols, security measures, and other relevant technologies that will enhance the performance of the WAN and MDA LANs Infrastructure.
- 5) Develop a budget estimate that is cost-effective and at the same time achieves requirements of performance, scalability, availability, and security of the WAN and LAN Infrastructure.
- 6) Assess the data and application hosting and storage infrastructure needs for digital services and systems.
- 7) Conduct a gap assessment of Government data hosting and storage infrastructure.
- 8) Assess the disaster recovery centre's needs for digital services and systems to be developed under the project.

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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at 11:00 GMT.**

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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.