

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country: Cooperative Republic of Guyana
Name of Project: Guyana Payments System Project
Consulting Services: Security Audit of New National Payment System Infrastructure for Bank of Guyana
Project ID: P159512
Reference No.: CS-QCBS-2020
Deadline: 29th December, 2020

The Cooperative Republic of Guyana has acquired financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Guyana Payments System Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The objective of the consulting services (“the Services”) is to conduct a Security Audit of the central components (RTGS and CSD) of the National Payment System, and their subsidiary systems, and the networks and interfaces at BOG to which they will be connected. This is expected to involve both vulnerability assessment and penetration testing (hereinafter VA/PT) to identify the vulnerabilities to which both web-based applications, payment systems and messaging services, and their supporting infrastructure, are exposed, so that an appropriate set of responses to those threats/risks can be taken to mitigate them.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website:

https://www.bankofguyana.org.gy/bog/images/national_payment_systems/Terms_of_Reference_for_reo.pdf

or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Bank of Guyana now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications, relevant experience and capacity to perform the Services.

Minimum shortlisting criteria are:

- i. Evidence of Registration from firm’s home country.
- ii. The firm’s core business.
- iii. Demonstrated experience in providing consultancy services in the area of Security Audit of IT Infrastructures in accordance with the World Bank’s procedures.

- iv. Specific experience in providing consultancy services in the area of Security Audit of Payment Systems.
- v. Technical and managerial capability - an organogram or narrative of the firm and the firm's staff complement (availability of appropriate skills among staff).
- vi. Costs (in United States Dollars) of similar assignments undertaken and duration of each.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: *Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services*- July 2016 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a **joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Consultants should indicate the form of the association (Joint-venture or sub-consultancy; member in charge; other member/s and or sub-consultants).** Joint ventures should submit letters of intent indicating their intent to form a joint venture if awarded the contract and shall provide the above-mentioned information for each member of the joint venture. 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 Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: *Procurement in Investment Project Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services*- July 2016.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office from Monday to Friday from 08:00 hours to 15:30 hours (UTC/GMT -4hrs). Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) on or before **December 29, 2020.**

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