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

COUNTRY	:	MALAWI
NAME OF PROJECT	:	THE DIGITAL MALAWI PROGRAM PHASE I: DIGITAL FOUNDATIONS PROJECT
CREDIT No.	:	60500MW
ASSIGNMENT TITLE	:	PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DRAFT E-PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND DISPOSAL OF ASSETS AUTHORITY (PPDA)
REFERENCE No	:	MW-PPPC-256919-CS-CQCS

The Government of Malawi has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the implementation of a new ICT Project "**Digital Malawi Program Phase I: Digital foundations Project**" and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the provision of legal consulting services to draft E-Government Procurement System Regulations for the Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority (PPDA).

The Public Procurement and Disposal of Assets Authority (PPDA) was established following the enactment of the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act of 2017. The mandate of the Authority is to regulate, monitor and oversee public procurement and disposal of public assets in Malawi.

Pursuant to section 5(1) (b) of the Act, the PPDA is required to develop standardized and unified procurement and disposal of assets regulations, instructions, and bidding documents which shall be binding on all procuring and disposing entities, in consultation with concerned professional and official entities, for issuance by the relevant authorities for use throughout Malawi.

Under the Digital Malawi Project, the Government seeks to implement an e-Government Procurement (e-GP) platform through the PPDA, which will entail all activities of the procurement cycle being done online.

The estimated level of effort for the assignment is 40-man days within the duration of five (5) months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.pppc.mw/procurement; www.ppda.mw or can also be obtained upon request at the address given below.

The Public Private Partnership Commission (PPPC) now invites eligible qualifying Consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consulting Firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

(a) The firm should demonstrate having experience in providing consultancy services in the Telecommunications Industry

(b) Should demonstrate having relevant experience in the following areas:

i. Experience in providing Electronic Transactions law services to clients in the public sector or private sector or both.

ii. Demonstrate at least 10 years' experience in providing Electronic Procurement legal services to jurisdictions where such law is well established.

iii. Demonstrate deep familiarity, knowledge and understanding of e-Government Procurement law and regulations.

iv. The consultant shall demonstrate relevant experience in law reform processes in developing nations.

v. The Consultant shall demonstrate proficiency in drafting legislation and regulations in the Malawi legal environment.

vi. Demonstrate a track record of drafting at least six (6) pieces of legislation

(c) The firm should demonstrate having technical and managerial capabilities to successfully execute the assignment through a brief presentation of the firm's management structure and number of permanent staff. 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 and August 2018, November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, that is, 08:00 to 4:30 hours.

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) by 2:00pm local time on Friday 27th January 2022.

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