



Invitation for Bids (IFB)

PROCUREMENT OF AN INTEGRATED FINANCIAL PLATFORM

(Core Banking System & Accounting System)

“Financial Accounting Control and Transactional System” (FACTS)

IFB No: CBS/PFMII/ICB/2015/0054

Second Public Financial Management Capacity Strengthening Project

Project ID No: P15492

Grant No.: TF#0A0388

Purchaser: Central Bank of Somalia

1. The Government of Somalia has received a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) (hereinafter called “Grant”) toward the cost of Financial Sector Strengthening Project (FSSP) and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this *Grant* to payments under the agreement(s) resulting from this IFB: ***Implementation for an integrated financial platform (Core Banking System (CBS) & Accounting System (ERP))***
2. The Somalia Reconstruction and Development Services on behalf of the Central Bank of Somalia now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the project Implementation of an integrated financial platform. The Central Bank of Somalia serves as the implementing agency for the project invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders to design, develop and customize an Integrated Financial Platform, The Financial Platform is required to integrated functionality of the Core Banking Solution and the Enterprise Resource

Planning (CBS- ERP) and its surrounding in a single system – not two separate but integrated systems. The Bidder should be capable of providing a total integrated solution and for implementing the integrated platform as a turnkey, including but not limited to providing of required hardware, database, middleware, virtualization, network, facility management, third party utilities, testing, providing interfaces and professional services required the Financial Platform and other associated applications.

3. The CBS Financial Platform will be implemented as an integrated package plus operational support under which the bidder will be completely responsible for providing the necessary application services for running the integrated platform, train, customize, implement, rollout and maintain the infrastructure and network connectivity for all the offices and branches/agencies (if available), including but not limited to the Data Centre(s) and DR site(s) for the entire period of the contract and at least 12 months of post implementation support that ensuring a careful management of the transition from the current state to ensure a smooth transition with minimal disruptions as well as to avoid any unnecessary resistance to change.
4. Bidding will be conducted using the **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits dated May 2004 and revised in October 2006 and January 2011 and is open to all Bidders eligible as defined in these Guidelines that meet the following minimum qualification criteria indicated below.
5. **Minimum** qualification requirements for Bidders are:

a. Financial Capability for the Bidder

The Bidder must furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following financial requirement(s). In the case of a Joint Venture, the Partner in Charge must meet at least 40 percent of the financial criteria and each other partner must meet at least 25 percent.

- i. Average Annual Turnover within the last three (3) years not less than: **5,000,000 USD.**
- ii. Access to liquid financial resources such as cash balances or lines of credit in amount of at least of **1,000,000 USD.**

b. Experience and Technical Capacity for the Bidder

- i. The Bidder must have implemented an Integrated Financial Platform and development services for Central Bank and relevant integration and operation services covering software,

hardware and communications networks for at least five (5) years worldwide.

- ii. During the past five (5) Years, the Bidder must have completed at least three (3) successful contracts involving the supply, implementation and support of national or private sector a financial platform, of similar functional/technical characteristics and of a comparable scale, preferably in a post conflict environment.
- iii. The proposed system/technology must be operational in at least three (3) other countries, preferably similar to or larger than Somalia.
- iv. At least one (1) existing live installation of the proposed integrated system must have been implementing

c. Bidder's Legal Requirements

- i. The Bidder shall be properly established in its country of origin. Failure to comply with these requirements shall result in rejection of the Joint Venture's bid. Subcontractors' experience and resources shall not be taken into consideration.
6. A pre-bid Meeting may be attended by all companies, which have previously registered will be held in Nairobi Kenya. The planned date of the pre bid meeting is **September 21, 2015 at 10 AM**, Kenyan time.
 7. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be downloaded from www.centralbank.gov.so. Prior registration **is required** for attending the pre-bid conference, submitting clarification questions on the bidding documents and receiving automatic notice of answers and of addenda to the bidding. The downloadable version of the bidding documents, and any addenda to it, will be the binding version. Prior registration can be done by submitting a request at the following address: pfmreformunit@gmail.com. In case of any difficulty in downloading the bidding documents from website indicated above, interested bidders may request the bidding document via the following e-mail address: pfmreformnit@gmail.com
 8. Bids must be delivered/submitted on or before **Wednesday, October 19, 2015 at 11 AM (Somalia local Time)** to the following address: **Ministry of Finance, Villa Somalia, Mogadishu, Federal Republic of Somalia**. Electronic submission of bids is not allowed. **Late bids will be rejected**. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the following address **Ministry of**

Finance, Villa Somalia, Conference Room, Mogadishu, Federal Republic of Somalia.

9. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Securing Declaration in the format given in the Bid document. **Late bids and electronic bids will not be considered.**

10. The attention of prospective Bidders is drawn to the fact that (i) they will be required to certify in their bids that all software either is covered by a valid license or was produced by the Bidder and (ii) violations are considered fraud, which can result in ineligibility to be awarded World Bank-financed contracts.

Address for bid submission:

Procurement Unit

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