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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)**

COUNTRY	:	MALAWI
NAME OF PROJECT	:	THE DIGITAL MALAWI PROGRAM PHASE I: DIGITAL FOUNDATIONS PROJECT
CREDIT No.	:	60500-MW
ASSIGNMENT TITLE	:	PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES AS CONNECTIVITY TRANSACTION ADVISOR FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI
REFERENCE No.	:	MW-PPPC-147523 -CS-INDV

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 consulting services of a Connectivity Advisor.

The Connectivity Advisor will be particularly critical during the implementation phase of the three sub-components comprising the Digital Connectivity Component of the Project. Sub-component (i) **Connectivity for Public Institutions** will support high-speed connectivity for priority public institutions throughout the country, including government offices, public services centers (‘one stop shops’), primary and secondary schools, and health centers; sub-component (ii) **Connectivity for Higher Education** will support high speed connectivity and access to online academic content for higher education institutions through the Malawi Research and Education Network (MAREN), and sub-component (iii) **Innovative Rural Broadband Access Solutions** will be needed to ensure availability of affordable internet access in some rural areas and among the most marginalized populations.

The overall object of the consultancy will be for the advisor to advise the PPC on Connectivity issues. The advisor’s duties will include among other things:

1. Support The Public Private Partnership Commission with technical expertise in the Digital Connectivity design and preparation of terms of reference and key project documentation for the whole project cycle.
 - (a) Design and implement a robust and relevant USF programme;
 - (b) Develop and implement a universal access public free WiFi model(s) that can be used by government including those with a Public-private partnerships (PPP’s) that fosters investment in free WiFi infrastructure.

- (c) Define PPP models for innovative broadband technologies or business for suburban and rural broadband deployment that boasts superior network performance, low cost, fast deployment, easy maintenance, and rich services.

The Public Private Partnership Commission (PPPC) now invites eligible individuals (“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:

1. Consultant must have at least Master’s degree in IT, telecommunication Engineering or related field.
2. Demonstrate having experience in providing advice and implementing USF programs and activities in Sub Saharan Africa.
3. Demonstrate having experience in providing technical support in similar communication related PPP projects.
4. Have a minimum 10 years post qualification working experience in the communication sectors.
5. Strong interpersonal and communications skills, particularly within the region.
6. Demonstrated capacity of project team-orientation work.

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 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual (INDV) selection 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. Detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) are available on the PPPC website www.pppc.mw/procuremnt. The TORs can also be sent to interested consultants by e-mail upon request from the e-mail address indicated below.

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 Tuesday 4nd February, 2020.

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