



**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 LEGAL CONSULTANCY
SERVICES TO DRAFT E-GOVERNMENT
LEGISLATION FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
MALAWI.
REFERENCE No : MW-PPPC-1226964-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 consulting services of an advisor.

Digital Government, which has been defined as ‘*the use of information and communications technology and particularly the Internet to improve government performance*’, has been under implementation in the country over a long period. In modern Malawi, the Department of e-Government has drafted a Digital Government Strategy whose vision is “A Transformed Government with efficient and accountable administration, which provides seamless Governance by making Public Services convenient and accessible, resulting in social-economic growth of Malawi”.

In order to address the challenges E-Government Department faces in trying to implement ICT activities in the country and also to have a strong mandate to address these challenges, the Department of e-Government needs to be vested with adequate authority by an Act of Parliament. It should be recognized by all Government bodies as the “go-to” organization for all matters related to Digital Government.

The main objective of the assignment is this that the Consultant is required to provide an overview of the Malawi ICT laws, institutional set-up, and stakeholder capacity. The Consultant will then proceed to draft E-Government Legislation for the country. The E-Government Legislation will reflect international good practice and will be cognizant of the socio-economic and operating conditions in Malawi. The measure of high-quality deliverables includes the observance of established Malawian drafting standards and norms.

The estimated level of effort for the assignment is 140-man days within the duration of seven (7) months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.pppc.mw/procuremnt 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 Legal Consulting Firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Demonstrate experience in providing various legal services to clients in the public sector or private sector or both. Knowledge and experience in ICT law or specifically digital government legislation shall be an added advantage.
2. Demonstrate solid proficiency in drafting legislation and regulations in the Malawi legal environment or other similar environment.
3. Demonstrate a track record of drafting at least six pieces of legislation over the recent past five (5) years.
4. The consultant shall have good understanding of the public sector dynamics in the country.
5. Demonstrate excellent writing and communication skills in English language and should also demonstrate the availability of qualified and experienced 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 (“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 Tuesday 18th February, 2020.

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