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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. : 60500MW
ASSIGNMENT TITLE : PROVISION OF ADVISORY SERVICES FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A GOVERNMENT
DATA HOSTING SOLUTIONS
REFERENCE No. : PPPC/DIGMAP/CONS/09

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.

The rising demand for ICT increases the need for reliable and efficient data centres. There is a growing shortage of available data centre space for Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). The Government of Malawi, through the Department of e-Government is operationalising a Digital Government Strategy which calls for the creation of a consolidated shared government data Centre of at least Tier III level as classified by the TIA-942 standard to be shared among all MDAs to ensure long-term, full-time service

The main objective of the current assignment is to support the Government of Malawi and specifically the Department of e-Government with the introduction and implementation of a government data centre and a corresponding Network Operating Centre (NOC) as part of the on-going Digital Government Transformation. The consultant will conduct a detailed feasibility study and provide related advisory services to facilitate the government’s acquisition of data centre solution in support of the following principal objectives:

- (i) Providing a robust, scalable, secure, reliable and efficient digital hosting infrastructure;
- (ii) Reducing the cost and time taken to develop and maintain new digital government services by leveraging a shared infrastructure and associated facilities;
- (iii) Defining a data centre model that provides the most value for money;

- (iv) Evaluating different strategies of providing data centre infrastructure and services to government with emphasis on best practices and study on other countries experiences;
- (v) Advising government on the best strategy and technology to adopt in the realization of the data centre infrastructure and services; and
- (vi) Help in selecting a vendor to work with Government in implementing the right technology for the data centre Infrastructure.

The estimated level of effort for the assignment is within 150 – 200 man days for the duration of thirty six (36) 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 Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. A minimum of first degree in Computer Science, Information System or a related field. Those with data centre certification will have an added advantage;
2. The Consultant must demonstrate having the following:
 - Knowledge on life cycle management of virtualized infrastructure environments including architecture, deployment and operations;
 - Ability to lead projects involving design, automation and rollout out of enterprise workloads and applications;
 - Experience in data centre infrastructure management tools for solution management, performance, capacity, cost and utilization analysis
 - Experience with multi-fabric technologies.
 - Prior work experience in Africa is a plus.

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 will be selected in accordance with the Individual 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.

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 24th December 2019.

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