

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA



MINISTRY OF FINANCE
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Country: Federal Government of Somalia (FGS)

Name of the Project: Somalia Capacity Advancement, Livelihood and Entrepreneurship, through Digital Uplift Project (SCALED-UP),

Assignment Title: Technical and Project Management Support for Somalia's Digital ID System

Project ID: P168115

Deadline Date: October 25, 2019

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1. Background: The Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) has received financing from the World Bank through the Somalia Capacity Advancement, Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship, through Digital Uplift Project (SCALED-UP) to support a series of reforms to support stability, and to foster sustainable economic and social development in Somalia. As part of these reforms, the FGS is in the process of introducing a robust, inclusive, and responsible foundational digital identification system that is envisioned to provide each resident of Somalia with unique and verifiable proof of identity. The digital ID system is expected to, inter alia, help increase access to and use of financial services, pave the way for effective public service delivery, and foster the formalization and digitization of the economy.

The envisioned digital ID system will be implemented according to the Digital ID Policy and in alignment with the Principles on Identification for Sustainable Development¹. All residents of Somalia will be eligible for enrollment, irrespective of citizenship status or ability to produce any prior documentation. The ID system will strive to provide a unique identity from birth to death, with close linkages to civil registration. In line with the principles on proportionality, minimal disclosure, and non-discrimination, only minimal data will be collected, including biometrics. A unique and random ID number and other credentials, as necessary to facilitate access to services, will be issued free of charge to successful registrants. As a foundational ID system, the digital ID system is intended to underpin 'functional' ID systems and registries (for sectoral purposes, e.g. social protection, financial services, etc.).

The FGS will establish a dedicated ID authority with the mandate to implement and continuously manage the digital ID system. Until the ID authority is established by law, an interim ID Task Force, operating under the aegis of the Ministry of Internal Federal Affairs and Reconciliation (MoIFAR), will oversee the implementation of the Digital ID Policy, including the operationalization of a robust and secure digital ID system.

2. Responsibilities: The consulting firm will

- Advise and support the interim ID Task Force – and the ID authority, once it is established by law – during the initial deployment phase of the digital ID system, including through the strategic planning, operationalization, and initial implementation phase of the digital ID system. The Firm will also be

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responsible for continuously building technical and project management capacity of local staff to enable the long-term, autonomous operation of the system.

- The Firm will be expected to provide comprehensive project management support, starting from the elaboration of a detailed implementation strategy to managing the registration, ID issuance, and authentication service provision processes; to support the set-up and operationalization of the ID Authority; to provide technical advisory and capacity building to local staff and support the ID Task Force in managing and supervising the installation, configuration, and customization of technical components of the ID system; and to support the integration of the ID into financial sector applications.

All other specific tasks detailed in in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment that can be found at the following website: www.mof.gov.so and link <http://mof.gov.so/publication/terms-reference-firm-assignment-technical-advisory-services-digital-id-system> or in person or by e-mail. The e-mail address is provided below.

3. Duration: The total duration of the assignment is expected to be two (2) years with the possibility of extension if needed, and renewable based on evaluated satisfactory performance in the 10th to 11th month of the contract. The duration will encompass an estimated 12 months of system operationalization (set-up) and one year of follow-on technical and project management support to system administrators during the first 12 months of operation (following the start of enrollments).

4. The Ministry of Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consulting firms (“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 (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff etc.). The shortlisting criteria are as follows

1. Core business of the firm and years in business.
2. Specific experience in successfully performing similar assignments involving large-scale, complex, full lifecycle ICT solution implementations (e.g. digital ID, civil registration, e-government, core-banking, payment systems, enterprise systems, system design, cyber security, PMO set up); in the last seven (7) years; and demonstrated experience in providing effective capacity building on technical subjects and use of formal methodologies in project management such as PMI, PRINCE2 and ITSM.
3. Experience of relevant services in an environment similar to that of Somalia; and
4. Technical and managerial organization of the firm (provide only the structure of the organization, general qualification and number of key staff). Do not provide CVs of key staff. Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

5. Attention of interested Consultants is drawn to section III, para 3.14,3.16 & 3.17 of the World Bank’s *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Projects Financing Goods, Works, Non -Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018* (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

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

7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

8. Interested Consultant may obtain further information (in person or by e-mail) at the address below during office hours from 8.00 a.m.– 4.00 p.m. Saturday to Thursday except on public holidays.

9. **Deadline for submission:** Expressions of interest should be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by **October 25, 2019 at 4.00 p.m. local Time.**

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