

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA



MINISTRY OF FINANCE
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Country: Federal Government of Somalia (FGS)

Name of the Project: Somali Core Economic Institutions and Opportunities Project

Assignment Title: Implementation Project Manager-Payment Systems

Individual/Firm: Individual

Duty Station: Mogadishu

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1. Background: Somalia has embarked on a long road of structural reform and the financial sector is reemerging. After almost three lost decades, Somalia has initiated a reform agenda to strengthen macroeconomic policy management, economic governance, and institutional capacity. The Central Bank has a vision of a modern and competitive financial sector and set forth a roadmap to help guide and structure the transition. With regards to the information technology advancement, the Central Bank of Somalia (CBS) completed implementation of its Core Banking Temenos T24 and Oracle EBS ERP applications. CBS is now working together with Somali financial institutions to set-up a Somali payment system in the Horn of Africa. The Somali payment system will encompass an Automated Transfer System (ATS), Somali Transaction Switch and supporting primary and secondary telecommunication networks.

Promoting financial control and operational efficiencies at CBS will require significant handholding efforts by service providers to improve processes, procedures and practice. CBS will need support to undertake rigorous assessment to identify the final form of business processes needed to support its internal and industry activities / services. This will include design and provision of implementation support for new business rules and procedures for transaction origination/capture, authentication and authorization, supportive organizational structure in relevant units at the central bank including job descriptions and reporting responsibilities, vendor support and service levels issues to ensure that these are consistent with best practice.

2. Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be tasked assist the client in project implementation supervision from a business and technical angle for the Automated Transfer System, Somali Switch and Information Technology Infrastructure. The candidate will coordinate the activities related to the implementation of the new systems and IT infrastructure so as to ensure their smooth and timely execution. Detailed 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-implementation-project-manager-somali-payment-systems> or can be provided upon submission of application in person or by e-mail. The e-mail address is provided below.

3. Duration: The proposed duration for the assignment is twelve (12) calendar months from starts date.

4. Selection Criteria: The selection shall be based on qualification, experience and skills of the candidate and followed by an interview. The qualifications, experience and competencies include:

- I. Minimum an under graduate degree in finance, banking, commerce or related disciplines with good understanding of financial payment systems, card payment switch operations, with extensive project management in financial services, implementation and operational experience in payment and settlement systems, Card Switch Processing, associated procedures and banking operations.
- II. At least 7 years' experience working with financial services payment systems within the context of small economies or national payment infrastructure implementation firms or implementing such solution in banks and overall 10+ years' experience in implementing technology projects for banks/financial institutions.
- III. Knowledge of National Switch operations and required infrastructure, including relevant international standards and principles, supplier market and technology requirements. Experience in business analysis, requirements management, implementation, assessment of business and technical requirements and project governance as well as in managing shared facilities is necessary.
- IV. An understanding of various risks involved in such payment systems, understating of how the other digital payments infrastructure could be integrated – such as e-money, and ability to innovate and develop new age products reusing the same infrastructure for increasing the usage of the system.

5. The Ministry of Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consulting (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services and furnish the Curriculum Vitae (CV).

6. Attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011) (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Please visit www.worldbank.org setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 1.9 of Consultant Guidelines.

7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers](#) dated January 2011 (revised July 2014) - **Selection of Individual Consultant.**

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 mail, or by e-mail) by **June 17, 2019 at 4.00 p.m. local Time.**

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