



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

14th December 2022

Ghana Integrated Financial Management Information System ICT Upgrade Project

The objective of the project is to enhance the credibility of the National Budget by upgrading the ICT infrastructure at the Ministry of Finance to facilitate budget planning, execution, and control. The project will entail the supply and installation of computer equipment and servers, rehabilitation of the ICT network, cyber security infrastructure, and training.

EDCF Loan Agreement No. GHA-08

1. The Government of the Republic of Ghana has received a Loan from the Export-Import Bank of Korea from the resources of the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF) of the Republic of Korea in the amount of Seven Million US Dollars (USD7,000,000) toward the cost of "Ghana Integrated Financial Management Information System ICT Upgrade Project" and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for GR/MOF/KEXIM/TS/01/20.
2. The Project Executing Agency now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for 1) the Provision and Installation of Equipment (Network Rehabilitation, Disaster Recovery Site System, Cyber Security), 2) Training and Capacity Building, and 3) Operation & Maintenance of GIFMIS system under the project titled "Ghana Integrated Financial Management Information System ICT Upgrade Project" as per mentioned scope of work in the subsequent clauses in this Bidding Document.
3. Bidding will be conducted through Competitive Bidding (CB) procedures specified in the Guidelines for Procurement under the EDCF Loans and is open to all eligible bidders that meet the following minimum qualification criteria.
 - (a) The Bidder and all other parties constituting the Bidder shall be nationals of the Republic of Korea and small and medium enterprises as defined by Article 2 of the Framework Act on Small and Medium Enterprises.
 - (b) The Bidder and all other parties constituting the Bidder shall be firms should undergo an external audit according to the Act on External Audit of Stock Companies should not be entitled to any of the following:
 - Firms that experienced overdue payments for over 14 days within the past 6 months.
 - Firms that experienced first stage bankruptcy or Corporate Re-organization Proceeding within the past 6 months.
 - Firms with records of subrogation, overdue payments, financial disorder according to the credit information management protocol.
 - Firms with losses for the past 3 consecutive years.
 - Firms with negative cash flow for the past 3 consecutive years.
 - (c) The bidder or leading company in case of JVA shall have minimum five (5) years' experience and record in ICT field in the last five years prior to the issuing date of IFB .
 - (d) All pending litigations shall be treated as resolved against the bidder and so shall in total not represent more than fifty percent (50%) of the bidder's net worth (Each partner in the JVA must meet the requirement).
 - (e) Average annual turnover on audit report of the Bidder for the last three (03) years (2019, 2020, 2021) shall be greater than or equal to USD 7 million or equivalent. For JVC, the leading company of the JVA must meet forty percent [40%] of the requirement, and the sum

of all partners combined should meet one hundred percent [100%] of the requirement. (notarized audited financial reports should be included).

- (f) The Bidders have a certificate or letter of commitment from reputable banks to the effect that the bidder has financial resources/access to a credit line of at least ten percent (10%) of the quoted bid price for smooth execution of the Project. For JVC, this proportion is ten percent (10%) corresponding with the proportionate jobs of each member of the JVC.
- (g) Bidder or leading company in case of JVA should have the ICT projects successfully completed in the role of a contractor or a sub-contractor specified below;
 - At least two [2] similar ICT projects* in and/or outside of bidder's country of origin, with minimum contract amount of US\$2,000,000 [Two Million US Dollars] that have been successfully completed in the last three [3] years prior to the issuing date of IFB.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the bidding documents at the Ministry of Finance at the address given below from 10:00 to 16:00 hours.
 - * In this document "similar ICT project(s)" means the ICT equipment (including server, storage, backup, network, security equipment, cabling, and commercial software) supply and integration project which is successfully completed including delivery, installation, training and commissioning of ICT equipment.
5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of five hundred (500) USD. The method of payment will be cash and the documents will be delivered at the time of payment on-site. The representative of the company purchasing the bidding documents on behalf of the company must bring a Power of Attorney from its company to show proof of representation.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before **11:00am GMT on Thursday 9th February 2023**. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of fifty thousand (50,000) USD. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at **11:15am GMT on Thursday 9th February 2023**.
7. The attention of prospective Bidders is drawn to (i) the fact that they will be required to certify in their bids that all software is either covered by a valid license or was produced by the Bidder and (ii) that violations are considered fraud, which is, among other remedies, punishable by potential blacklisting from participation in future EDCF-financed procurements.
8. Invitation to bid shall be advertised in at least one newspaper of general circulation in Borrower's country (in English). Copies of such invitation shall be sent to the Bank.

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