

Request for Bid (International)
Information Systems
(For the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Core IP
Network and Backbone Transmission for Ethiopian Research and
Education Network (EthERNET) on a Turnkey Basis)
(Without Prequalification)

Purchaser: Ministry of Innovation and Technology

Project: Ethiopia Digital Foundations Project

Contract title: The Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Core IP Network and Backbone Transmission for Ethiopian Research and Education Network (EthERNET) on a Turnkey Basis

Country: Ethiopia

Credit No. : IDA – 68560

RFB No: MINT/DE/ICB/G-04/21

Issued on: February 2022

1. The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Ethiopia Digital Foundations Project (EDFP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the procurement for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Core IP Network and Backbone Transmission for Ethiopian Research and Education Network (EthERNET) on a Turnkey Basis. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing.
2. The Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Ethiopian Digital Foundations Project /EDFP/now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Core IP Network and Backbone Transmission for Ethiopian Research and Education Network (EthERNET) on a Turnkey Basis. The following requirement has expected for the company's participated in the bid;
 - i. Must have five years' experience involving in supply & delivery of ICT infrastructure, installation and commissioning of similar nature projects.
 - ii. Must have a Minimum average annual turnover of USD 20 million or equivalent amount in other currencies, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, within the last three (3) years
 - iii. The Bidder must demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means, other than any contractual advance payments to meet the following cash-flow requirement: USD 2 million or equivalent in a freely convertible currency
 - iv. The bidder must have completed at least **two (2)** contracts within the last **five (5) years**, each with a value of **at least USD 8,000,000.00** or equivalent that have been successfully and substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed Information System. The company must have five years' experience involving in the supply & delivery of ICT infrastructure and hardware, installation, commissioning and support, for similar projects. The successfully completed similar contracts shall be documented by a copy of an Operational acceptance

- certificate (or) equivalent documentation satisfactory to the Purchaser) issued by the purchaser(s).
- v. Both the technical and financial factors will take into account to determine the potential bidder.
 - vi. The project will be implemented in 49 Universities and 30 TVET Colleges and expected to be completed within 140 days.
3. Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive procurement using Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Project Financing, Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services dated November 2020; the Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants, revised July 1, 2016. ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
 4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Innovation and Technology (MInT), Ethiopia Digital Foundations Project, Project Coordination Unit Telephone: +251-911-446582 or +251 911-791462 and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 8:30AM-12:30AM and 1:30- 5:00 PM local time from Monday to Friday before the deadline date and time.
 5. The bidding document in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Birr 500.00 /Five Hundred Birr/ or in an easily convertible currency. The method of payment will be in cash or cash payment order /CPO/ by the name of the Ministry of Innovation and Technology. The document will be sent by e-mail or bidders can collect it in person from the Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Ethiopian Digital Foundations Project Office.
 6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 31st March 2022, 10:00 A.M Local Time (Addis Ababa Time). Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on 31st March 2022, 10:30 A.M Local Time (Addis Ababa Time).
 7. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of USD 100,000.00 /USD One Hundred Thousand/ or the equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency in the form of Bank guarantee issued from commercial banks. In the case of Bank guarantees issued from other countries other than Ethiopian Banks, the bid security should be counter guaranteed by Ethiopian Commercial Banks.
 8. The address (es) referred to above is (are):

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Ministry of Innovation and Technology (MInT)
Ethiopia Digital Foundations Project
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