



CLARIFICATION 1

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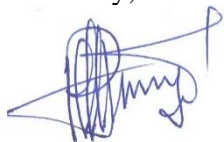
To all Interested Vendors: REF # EAC/PSSIP/QCBS/2019/29 Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) – Consultancy Services for the Implementation of a Central of Payment Incidents (CPI) for the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB)

The EAC Secretariat is attaching clarifications to a set of questions that were raised by prospective vendors.

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1.	In addition to this RFI for consulting services, could you give us more details on the whole of the "EAC Payment and Settlement Systems Integration Project"? Who are the entities involved in this project and what is their role?	The EAC Payment and Settlement Systems Integration Project (EAC-PSSIP) is a project funded by the African Development Bank (ADB) which aims at integration of payment and settlement systems within the East African Community (EAC). It comprises three components, namely the integration of financial markets infrastructures, the harmonization of legal and regulatory frameworks within the Community and capacity building. The EAC Secretariat is the main beneficiary of AfDB financial support, while the Central Banks of the EAC Partner States are the institutions responsible for implementing the Project components at the national level.
2.	With respect to this request for information, we understand that the subject matter includes "consulting services", but that certain points are more related to IT products or services or software to be developed and provided to BRB. Could you specify your expectations?	Potential vendors are expected to provide consultancy services, including to develop and implement a solution consisting of the Central of Payment Incidents with the participation and implication of staff (IT and operational) of the Bank of the Republic of Burundi. This in the technical environment of the Central Bank and the interfaces to be established/availed with the technical environments of the commercial banks of Burundi. Commercial banks will implement themselves these interfaces with their internal systems.
3.	Should the credit registry platform be provided by the bidder?	The technical platform is available at the BRB, while the bidder will provides/develop/ implement the software solution.
4.	In this case, there is the possibility to outsource it (the Vendor already has experience in this field in Europe to another African country)?	The solution implemented must be managed internally by the BRB and by the BRB. The tenderer to the call for expression of interest is requested, if he is retained in the short list, to provide advice to complete the specifications, and to implement the solution.
5.	Is there a consequent obligation in the event of a positive response to this RFI / RFI?	After assessment of the expressions of interest received, there will be a shortlist of the bidders who will be consulted and to whom will be sent a notice for submission of technical and financial offers.
6.	Is it then mandatory to send a technical and economic proposal?	NO , at this stage the vendors are required to submit their response in the form of expression of interests by providing information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (i.e. company background information, legal documents of the company, description of similar assignments, experience in similar projects, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).
7.	What are the next deadlines for the RFI?	16th September, 2019

8.	Is the entire project covered by the resources of the African Development Fund / ADF?	YES
9.	<p>The document received indicates that the "Consultant" is required to provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A detailed description of the methodology and tools that will enable it to accomplish the tasks and tasks described above in order to fully achieve the objectives of the project; ii. A draft contract for the implementation of the Payment Incident Panel; iii. A draft support and maintenance contract for the Central Payment Incidents. <p>For this reason, we ask you for clarification on the production schedule of the above-mentioned documentation in items (i), (ii) and (iii), or whether it must be provided before September 16th or after the receipt of the application. proposal /International Tender.</p>	<p>NO, at this stage the vendors are required to submit their response in the form of expression of interests by providing information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (i.e. company background information, legal documents of the company, description of similar assignments, experience in similar projects, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).</p> <p>Items (i), (ii), and (iii) shall be provided in the technical proposal after the consultant is shortlisted and issued with the detailed Request for Proposal (RFP).</p>
10.	<p>We are a Software Editing Company and we have a large experience in the implementation of payment systems in general and in Central of Payment Incidents systems in particular.</p> <p>We went through the “Terms of reference” for “Consultancy services for the implementation of a Central of Payment Incidents (CPI) for the Bank of the Republic of Burundi (BRB)” with the greatest attention.</p> <p>We would like to know if the requested consultancy services include the delivery and installation of the Central of Payment Incidents System itself or do, they only concern Project Management Office services (as specifications, project plan, follow up of implementation, acceptance tests, etc.).</p>	<p>The consultancy services include both services of advice on completing the technical and functional specifications of the CPI as well as the development, delivery, installation, maintenance and support of the Central of Payment Incidents System software itself (complete the specifications, project plan, implementation, acceptance tests, go live).</p>

Sincerely,



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