

Notices



Ministry of Finance

SAMOA CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Contract No: SBS-C1: Provision of consulting services to the Office of the Attorney General, Samoa Bureau of Statistics and the National ID Steering Committee on Legal and regulatory environments for official identification systems and civil registration.

The Independent State of Samoa has applied for grants from the World Bank (“WB”) for which it intends to utilize towards the procurement of consultancy services to provide Legal and regulatory environments for official identification systems and civil registration. This assignment is focused on assisting with the establishment of the legal enabling environment needed to support the Government’s ID initiative, particularly legislation governing identification, civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS), privacy, data protection and cybersecurity. This work is closely linked with broader development imperatives for Samoa to invest in identity management systems to support digital platforms, including digital government, and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public service decision-making and services’ delivery.

The objective of the assignment is for the Consultant to provide legal advisory work to the Government on the development and introduction of the legal and regulatory enabling environment for the proposed new ID system.

The Ministry of Finance now invites law firms to indicate their interest in providing their service for Technical Assistance on Legal and regulatory environments for official identification systems and civil registration under the Samoa Connectivity Project. Firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the given service (i.e. brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills with relevant qualifications, etc).

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The selected firm must meet the following qualification requirements.

Essential Experience

The Consultant shall have as members of their team lawyers with the levels of demonstrable and relevant experience and expertise in the following substantive areas of law as follows (the positions may be combined):

- A team leader with relevant experience leading a team of lawyers undertaking activities similar to this assignment;
- A minimum of ten years of experience:
 - in data protection and privacy, data sharing arrangements, cybercrimes and cybersecurity, and law reform; specific experience working on legal issues pertaining to ID systems is highly desirable;
 - in standards, digital authentication and online transactions law and legislation, including Fintech, financial systems, AML and KYC regulations;
- Technology expertise;
- Familiarity with legal reform issues and legal systems in the Pacific region or similar context;
- Legislative drafting, preferably in Samoa or a country with similar governance and legislative processes and institutions.

Essential: Qualifications

All lawyers identified by the Firm for the purposes of this assignment must hold a degree in law and be licensed to provide legal advice in a recognized jurisdiction;

It is a requirement that Expressions of Interest (“EOI”) include a statement addressing each selection criteria. Your EOI must be delivered in hard copies to the address below before 11.00am on Monday 10th June, 2019 (local time).

The Secretary
Tenders Board of Samoa
Level 4
Central Bank of Samoa Building
Apia
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A Firm will be selected based on the Consultant’s Qualifications (“CQS”) method of procurement for consulting services in accordance with the World Bank’s Procurement Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultants, January 2011 (revised July 2014)

The detailed Terms of Reference (“TOR”) can be obtained from the Office of the Attorney General directly or downloaded from the Attorney General’s Office’s website – www.ag.gov.ws. For further information and clarification, please contact:

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SAMOA CONNECTIVITY PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Contract No: SBS-C2: Provision of consulting services on National ID and Civil Registration (Strategic Planning, Technical and Functional Design, and Procurement)

The Independent State of Samoa has applied for grants from the World Bank (“WB”) for which it intends to utilize towards the procurement of consultancy services to provide technical assistance to the Government to assist in establishing a national ID system and to upgrade the existing civil registration system. This assignment is focused on assisting the Government with strategic planning and the technical design and procurement of both systems, including core software and hardware. It is closely linked with broader development imperatives for Samoa to invest in digital identity management to support digital platforms, including e-government, and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public and private service decision-making and services’ delivery, including financial inclusion.

The assignment is to prepare three outputs: (1) a comprehensive three-year strategy for the development and management of a national ID system, to be formally adopted by the Government of Samoa; (2) detailed technical and functional requirements, to be used to procure core software and hardware for the national ID system and a new civil registration system; and (3) participation in the evaluation of bids for (2).

The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consultants who are available to work as a Firm, to indicate their interest in providing their service for Technical Assistance on National ID and Civil Registration under the Samoa Connectivity Project. Firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the given service (i.e. brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills with relevant qualifications, etc).

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The selected firm shall have as members of their team with the levels of demonstrable and relevant experience and expertise in the following substantive areas:

- At least seven years of experience in or advising Governments – at strategic and technical levels – on the development and implementation of complex public-facing ICT projects (e.g. digital ID, civil registration, e-government)
- Demonstrated experience in translating strategic and business requirements into technical and functional requirements for successful procurements
- Demonstrated experience in developing successful implementation strategies and/or roadmaps
- Demonstrated experience in evaluating proposals for technology procurements
- Advanced knowledge of national ID systems, including of emerging technologies related to cards, biometrics, authentication, system design, security and data management
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including presentation
- Strong diplomatic and meeting facilitation skills
- Strong knowledge of civil registration, including demonstrated experience advising Governments on civil registration and/or vital statistics improvement
- Understanding of the political, economic and social context of Samoa
- Practical knowledge and understanding of legal and ethical aspects of information technology
- Demonstrated experience in evaluating data and cyber security issues and concerns and implementing practical solutions

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