



**GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE  
PROJECT FIDUCIARY MANAGEMENT UNIT –PFMU  
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)  
RE-LAUNCHED**

**Consulting Services: CONSULTANT FOR THE POSITION OF A NETWORK SPECIALIST FOR  
INTEGRATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (IFMIS)**

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1. The Government of Sierra Leone has received funding from International Development Association IDA of the World Bank towards the cost of Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the funding for eligible payment under the contract for the hiring of a Network Specialist for IFMIS.
2. The main objective of the assignment is for a Network Specialist to assess the ECOWAN and advise on its capacity to provide Network transport and services to support the operations of the IFMIS platform and other application services as well as broadband internet services to government institutions across Freetown.
3. The consultant will carry out the following activities:
  - a) Review ECOWAN existing design, implementation and architecture (fiber optic, wireless, active equipment and other relevant ISP infrastructure) and plans to further develop their infrastructure and network.
  - b) Develop the requirements gap with the proposed Government Network (GovNet) and propose required adjustments to the existing architecture for it suitable for servicing existing Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) while planning for rapid extension.
  - c) Review the routing, switching and security protocols implementation and configuration to ensure secure and efficient transmission/transport of government data, voice and video traffic on the ECOWAN. This includes but not limited to QoS services, Traffic shaping and prioritization, network segmentation, etc.
  - d) Develop a transition plan to migrate the existing IWAN into the ECOWAN with a clear timeline and cost implications;
  - e) Discuss requirements with Ministry of Information and Communication, Ministry of Finance and SALCAB to obtain agreement in support of the ECOWAN.
4. The PFMU now invites eligible consultant to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned package of service.

Interested consultant must meet the following academic and related experience requirements:

  - a) Bachelor of Science degree required; Master of Science degree or equivalent preferred, particularly in computer science, information systems, or a related field.
  - b) Advanced certifications in a network discipline (e.g., CCIE, CCNP (Routing and Switching or Security) preferred.

- c) 10 years of work experience in a developing country context and minimum seven years of experience in network technologies preferred.
- d) Demonstrated leadership, versatility, and integrity.
- e) Demonstrated experience in designing, implementing and supporting large scale networks;
- f) Demonstrated experience in Network support and troubleshooting – find and solve problems with individual computers, network servers, and individual computer users
- g) Communication – Ability to relay complex information, informing the staff on security protocols, new software updates, and other aspects of using computers

Analytical skills – Ability to think critically and analyze information

## 6. Reporting

The consultant will report directly to the Accountant General and will have a dotted matrix functional relationship (reporting) with the IFMIS Project Manager and Acting ICT Director MOF.

7. The assignment is estimated to be completed within **Forty (40) man working days** from the date of commencement.

## 8. *This REoI will lead to the preparation of Short list of Consultants*

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IDA Grants by World Bank Borrowers](#), (July 2014, Revised November 2017). ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. The Consultant will be selected in accordance with *Individual Consultant (IC)* method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

7. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 1000 to 1700 hours Monday to Friday

Project Fiduciary Management Unit -PFMU  
Ministry of Finance - 13<sup>A</sup> Howe Street-  
Africanus House (Former World Bank Country Office)  
Freetown, Sierra Leone

**Attn: The Secretariat, PFMU**

**Tel: +232 76-672-186**

**E-mail: [pfm2018@gmail.com](mailto:pfm2018@gmail.com)**

8. Expressions of interest must be delivered in sealed envelope accompanied by up-to-date Curriculum Vitae and supporting documents (*Note: do not send originals*) to:

**The Secretariat,  
Projects Fiduciary Management Unit- First Floor  
Ministry of Finance -13 Howe Street  
Africanus House  
Freetown, Sierra Leone  
E-mail:[pfm2018@gmail.com](mailto:pfm2018@gmail.com)**

**Or**

By E-mail as attachment (including all supporting documents) to: [pfm2018@gmail.com](mailto:pfm2018@gmail.com)

Please indicate clearly on the envelope (in the case of hard copy submission) or in the email subject heading and attachment (in the case of electronic submission) the **FULL TITLE** of the assignment for which expression is being made by 1200 hours GMT **on or before 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019.**