

Invitation for Bids
Bid Extension
National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
Non-Consultancy Service

Date of issue: 16th December, 2022

Country: Sierra Leone

Name of Project: Sierra Leone Financial Inclusion Project

Contract Title: SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND UPGRADING (INSTALLATION & CONFIGURATION) OF BANK OF SIERRA LEONE DATA CENTRE

Activity #: SL-MOFED-328218-NC-RFB

1. The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone (hereinafter called “Borrower”) has received a loan from IDA/World Bank to implement the Sierra Leone Financial Inclusion Project. The Project has a development objective to increase the interoperability of digital payment and access to financial services in Sierra Leones. The Project Fiduciary Management Unit, an implementing agency of the Client, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this (Grant) to eligible payments under the contract for which this Request for Bid is issued.

The Project Fiduciary Management Unit (PFMU) now invite sealed Bids from eligible bidders who can demonstrate Technical and Financial Capabilities for the Procurement of:

SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND UPGRADING (INSTALLATION & CONFIGURATION) OF BANK OF SIERRA LEONE DATA CENTRE

LOT ONE

Nr	Description of Items	Bid Security (NLe)	Delivery Period in weeks
1.	SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND UPGRADING (INSTALLATION & CONFIGURATION) OF BANK OF SIERRA LEONE DATA ‘‘ Network and Electrical Items’’	144,000	6

LOT TWO

Nr	Description of Items	Bid Security	Delivery Period in weeks
1	UPGRADING (Installation & Configuration) OF BANK OF SIERRA LEONE DATA CENTRE "Closed WAN Network" and “New Replication Link between BSL Main Site and BSL DR site	82,000	6

2. Bidders shall quote for all items as required in the Bid Document. Bids will be evaluated and contract will be awarded to the Bidder meeting the required qualification criteria.

3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedures specified in the National Public Procurement Act 2016 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the manual and Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers July 2016 Revised November 2017 to November 2020.

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from PFMU,
Email: pfmu2018@gmail.com and inspect the bidding document during office hours 09:00 to 17:00 hours at the address given below.

5. The bidding document may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Million Leones (**NLe2,000**) and bidders may obtain further information on the bidding document at the address below between 11:00 am to 4:00pm from Mondays to Fridays no-later than five (5) days prior to the deadline of submission of bids. The method of payment will be cash.

6. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amounts indicated above or its equivalent in a freely convertible currency. The Bidder shall seal the original and each copy of the bid, in separate envelopes, duly marking the envelopes as “**ORIGINAL (1)**” and “**COPY (3)**.” The envelopes shall then be enclosed in an outer envelope and sealed.

7. All bids must be accompanied by:

- Valid copy of NRA tax certificate;
- Valid NASSIT Clearance Certificate.
- Valid certificates of business registration;
- Business Profile of the Supplier/Service Provider

8. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 11:00 a.m. on Friday 20th January, 2023. 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 at 11:00 a.m. on Friday 20th January, 2023.

9. The address referred to above is:

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