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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Strengthening of the Public Accounting System Project

IDA Credit No.: 4611-MV

Consultancy No: MV/PSPAF/C 16: MV/PSPAP/C20

The Government of Maldives (GoM) has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Maldives Pension and Social Protection Administration Project (PSPAP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for a consultancy for the Strengthening of the Public Accounting System Project.

Scope of Service

- i. To help Treasury and Public Accounts Division (TPAD) establish an efficient organization to support business processes relevant to the SAP landscape installed at TPAD.
- ii. To review and audit the current SAP landscape at TPAD.
- iii. Upgrade and reconfiguration of SAP Solution Manager.
- iv. To upgrade the SAP landscape of the TPAD to the most current EHP level.
- v. Resolve the issues in the implemented SAP modules identified by the key users.
- vi. To configure the SAP BI (Business Intelligence) module to produce reports.
- vii. To configure SAP BusinessObjects Planning and Consolidation (BPC) module for planning, budgeting, forecasting, financial consolidation, and management reporting for the Government.
- viii. To make the ECC landscape (Development, Quality Assurance and the Production) consistent in terms of its configuration and roles.
- ix. Move current database location to a new allocated vdisk of the SAN (SAN vdisk configuration already completed).
- x. To interface SAP with Maldives Monetary Authority's (Central Bank) Account Clearing House and Real Time Gross Settlement system.
- xi. To help ensure the SAP Landscape at TPAD is performing efficiently to support its business processes.
- xii. Enhance the usage of the functionalities of the SAP software modules that have been implemented under the project and provide in-house training for key users.
- xiii. Provide in-house training to MoFT key users in usage of the configured modules of this project and specifically for the production of reports from the system.

The firm is required to meet the following general eligibility criteria:

i. Consultants of the selected firm should have minimum 6 year's expertise knowledge of SAP software in Public sector accounting, including but not limited to the following SAP modules: NetWeaver/BASIS, ABAP, Business Intelligence (BI), Budget Preparation and Consolidation (BPC), Human Resources – Payroll (HR), Material Management (MM), General Ledger (GL), Accounts Payable (AP), Accounts Receivable (AR), Funds Management (FM), Assets Management (AM), Projects System (PS) and Controlling (CO).

- ii. Consultants of the selected firm should be SAP certified in their respective SAP module/modules with minimum 5-6 years of experience.
- iii. Familiarity of public sector treasury, accounting and budgeting systems.

The Project Management Unit (PMU) now invites interested eligible firms to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) in providing the services. Interested firms must provide a Company Profile including information that demonstrates that they are qualified to perform the services (CV's indicating the relevant skills and experience of the individuals proposed, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.) based on the objectives.

A firm will be selected under Selection Based on the Consultants' Qualification (CQS), in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's <u>Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank</u> <u>Borrowers</u>, January 2011 ("<u>Consultant Guidelines</u>"), for which the selected party would be required to submit a technical and financial proposal as per the Request for Proposal (RFP) issued.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the Consultant Guidelines, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Interested parties must submit their Expression of Interest to the address (by regular mail, emails or fax) and person specified below on or before 16:00 hrs. **11th June 2012.**

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