

Invitation for Bids

National Competitive Bidding (NCB)

Non-Consultancy Service

Date of issue: 24th May,2024

Country: Republic of Sierra Leone

Name of Procuring Entity: Bank of Sierra Leone

Name of Project: Sierra Leone Second Financial Inclusion Project

Contract Title: PROCUREMENT OF GOAML ICT INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT SOFTWARE DEPLOYMENT AT THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENT UNIT-FIU

Procurement Number: SL-BSL-423412-NC-RFB

The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone (hereinafter called “Borrower”) has received a grant from IDA/World Bank to implement the Sierra Leone Second Financial Inclusion Project. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to promote a more inclusive and resilient financial sector for individuals and micro, small, and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs). Under subcomponent 2.2 ‘Enhanced Supervisory Capacity’ which aims to strengthen the supervision capacity of financial sector regulations, particularly the Bank of Sierra Leone ‘s Office of Financial Institutions Supervision and Banking Supervision Unit along with other public and private institution like the Financial Intelligent Unit(FIU). The Bank of Sierra Leone through Project Implementation Unit(PIU), an implementing unit at Bank of Sierra Leone, 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 Implementation Unit (PIU) at BSL now invite sealed Bids from eligible bidders who can demonstrate Technical and Financial Capabilities for the: **Procurement of goAML ICT infrastructure to support software deployment at FIU**

The goAML infrastructure requires a robust, resilient, high-availability infrastructure that will greatly minimize downtime. Below are the highlighted upgrades necessary for the proper functioning of the system.

- Supply and configuration of two Rack Server
- Supply and configure Fiber Switch for Data Access
- Supply and configure SAN Storage for Data Storage
- Fiber Patch Cables
- Rackmount KVM Console
- Data backup solution

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 the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) at Bank of Sierra Leone-BSL, Email: slsfip@bsl.gov.sl 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 One Thousand Five Hundred Leones (NLe1,500) and bidders may obtain further information on the bidding document at the address below between 10:00 am to 4:00pm from Monday to Fridays not 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 amount of One Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand Leone(NLe 184,000). 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 21st June, 2024. 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 21st June, 2024.

9. The address referred to above is:

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