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	Digital Connectivity in Schools to Accelerate COVID Response Project	
Office of the President, State House Sierra Leone.		

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS) THROUGH CONSULTANT QUALIFICATION SELECTION (CQS)

COUNTRY: Sierra Leone

NAME OF PROJECT: Digital Connectivity in Schools to Accelerate COVID Response

SECTOR: Directorate of Science, Innovation and Technology (DSTI), Communication

CONSULTING SERVICES: Development of Sustainable Business Models for Internet Service Providers in Sierra Leone

Mode of Financing: Loan

Financing No: SLE 1021

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The **Government of Sierra Leone** through the **Directorate of Science and Technology (DSTI)** *has received* financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the **Digital Connectivity in Schools to Accelerate COVID Response Project**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

The services include to support the development and implementation of sustainable business models for ISPs in Sierra Leone. This will involve conducting a thorough assessment of selected ISPs, developing technology solutions, preparing ISPs for private investment, and assisting in business development, mentoring, and investor engagement. The consultancy is expected to be completed within a period of three months from the date of contract signing. An indication of the estimated level of effort (professional staff months) can be obtained from the TOR.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained from the Addressed below or by contacting this email addressed jasper.sembie@dsti.gov.sl .

The **Directorate of Science and Technology (DSTI)** now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services

(brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

- The shortlisting criteria are:

Minimum of 10 years of experience in telecommunication, ICT or related fields.

At least 3 technology consultancy projects successfully completed in the past 3 years and Demonstrated experience in conducting technical assessments.

Proven track record in developing sustainable business models for ISPs or similar entities and

Experience in conducting technical assessments and identifying investment opportunities and Extensive experience in designing innovative business models and revenue strategies.

Proven expertise in project management and stakeholder engagement and Experience in leading multi-disciplinary teams and managing diverse stakeholders.

Proven track record in working with ISPs OR Similar entities

Please Note: Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the “Procurement Guidelines”), setting forth IsDB’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualifications Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines April, 2019.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 9:00GMT to 17:00GMT, Mondays - Fridays.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or via e-mail, on or before **16th September, 2024**).

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