



NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY-UGANDA
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

UGANDA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT – GOVERNMENT NETWORK (UDAP-GOVNET)

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ASSIGNMENT TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY INSTITUTIONAL, GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION STRUCTURE.

The Government of Uganda, through the National Information Technology Authority, Uganda (NITA-U) has received funding from the World Bank/IDA towards financing the Uganda Digital Acceleration Project – Government Network (UDAP-GovNet), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for the **development of the national cybersecurity institutional, governance and coordination structure.**

The consulting services (“the Services”) include: conducting an independent situational analysis of the existing cybersecurity institutional, governance and coordination practices among public sector agencies, conducting a benchmark to identify practical best practices that support effective and efficient cybersecurity institutional, governance and coordination among public sector agencies and line ministries and using the findings to develop the National Cybersecurity Coordination Structure for Government. The duration of the assignment will be **seven months** from the date of signing of the contract. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at <https://www.nita.go.ug>

NITA-U now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have managerial and organizational capacity as well as the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. The firm shall be required to provide a profile that includes a structure of the organization, general qualifications and number of overall key staffing available with the firm to undertake the tasks to demonstrate technical and managerial capacity.
2. The firm must demonstrate previous experience in information security consulting and advisory. The firm should be able to demonstrate their ability to develop and tailor national level cybersecurity frameworks to specific target audiences and industries in at least 5 (five) assignments of similar type, scope and nature. Consulting firms should present documentary evidence details of these similar assignments and must include at the minimum signed letters of completion from the clients, scope and proof of certification (including start and finish dates).
3. The firm should demonstrate experience in advisory related to National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) operations. Consulting firms should present documentary evidence details of at least one (1) similar assignment and must include at the minimum signed letters of completion from the clients, scope and proof of certification (including start and finish dates).

4. The consulting firm must demonstrate ability to field a team of experts with required qualifications and experience for the assignment. The team of experts should include local experts due to the heavy workload in-country and nature of assignment (Must present profile for each required expert with mandatory documentation including CV, copies of required certifications and qualifications as well as a section showing the required experience)
5. The consultants must demonstrate ability to field a team of experts with required qualifications and experience for the assignment; Team Leader and Cybersecurity Experts. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage (Please do not submit CVs and bio data of experts).
6. Consulting Firms may associate with other firms of a Joint Venture (JV) or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, revised September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank'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 Consultants Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF borrowers. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 08.00 to 16.00 hours Kampala time on working days and from NITA-U website (www.nita.go.ug).

Expressions of interest (**One Original, one hard Copy and One soft Copy**) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by courier or e-mail) by **8th February 2024**. The packages must be clearly marked **Expression of Interest for "CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY INSTITUTIONAL, GOVERNANCE AND COORDINATION STRUCTURE"**

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