



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

UGANDA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT (UDAP)

PROJECT ID: P171305

LOAN/CREDIT No. 6898-UG

PROCUREMENT REFERENCE No. NITA-U/UDAP/CONS/23-24/00014

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DATA CENTRE MARKET STUDY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 3RD (THIRD) NATIONAL DATA CENTRE

The Government of the Republic of Uganda represented by the National Information Technology Authority, Uganda (NITA-U) has received a loan of US\$ 200 million from the World Bank towards the Uganda Digital Acceleration Project-Government Network (UDAP-GOVNET) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payment of Consulting Services to be procured under this project the Consultancy Services for Data Centre Market Study for Establishment of the 3rd (Third) National Data Centre.

The Consultant will provide consultancy services for the Data Centre Market Study to facilitate the establishment of the 3rd National Data Centre. The duration of this assignment will be **Six months (06) months**.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment can be accessed at <https://www.nita.go.ug>.

The National Information Technology Authority, Uganda (NITA-U) now invites eligible Consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide sufficient information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria for the firm's capability and experience are:

The Consultant is expected to have the following core competencies:

1. The firm should have a minimum of 15 (fifteen) years of experience in providing ICT consultancy services for country-wide studies that advise Governments on ICT Policy and Strategy matters.
2. The Firm must provide evidence of at least four (4) similar assignments regarding Data Centre and Cloud Services.
3. Similar experience in Africa or other developing countries will be an added advantage.
4. The consultant should assemble a team of relevant experts that shall include the following key personnel: Team Leader, Data Centre Expert(s), ICT/Cloud Computing Expert(s), Business Analyst(s) and Cyber Security Expert(s).

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" revised September 2023 (Procurement in Investment Project Financing: Goods, Works, Non-consulting and Consulting Services), setting forth the World Bank's policy on Conflict of Interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications in the form of Joint Venture and/or Lead/Sub-consultancy. Consultants shall indicate whether the association is a Joint Venture and/or 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 Qualification Selection (CQS)** method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers revised September 2023.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (Monday to Friday, 0800 hours to 1700 hours, except on Public holidays).

Expressions of Interest in English (one original plus two copies), must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by email) on or by 18th March, 2024 at 2.30pm E.A.T clearly marked:

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The Procuring and Disposing Entity shall conduct an opening of Expressions of Interests on 18th March 2024 at 2.35 pm at address below:

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Any form of canvassing or lobbying for the tender shall lead to automatic disqualification.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR