

Request for Proposals Information Systems

(Single Stage-Two Envelope Process)

Purchaser: NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY-UGANDA

Name of Project: UGANDA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT (UDAP)

Project ID: P171305 Credit No.: 6898-UG Country: UGANDA

Contract title: THE NATIONAL DATA CENTER UPGRADE AND EXPANSION

Reference No.: NITA-U/UDAP/SUPLS/2023-2024/00066

Issued on: 26th JULY 2024

1. The Government of Uganda represented by the National Information Technology Authority Uganda (NITA-U) **has received** financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the: **Uganda Digital Acceleration Project-Government Network (UDAP-GOVNET)**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **The National Data Center Upgrade and Expansion**

2. National Information Technology Authority-Uganda (NITA-U) now invites sealed Proposals from eligible Proposers **for The National Data Center Upgrade and Expansion.**

3. The procurement process will be conducted through international competitive procurement using Request for Proposals (RFP) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers - Procurement in Investment Projects Financing" (July 2016, revised September 2023) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Proposers may obtain further information from National Information Technology Authority-Uganda and inspect the request for proposals document during office hours **0800 to 1700** hours from Monday to Friday at the address given below.

5. A pre-proposal meeting will be held **12th August, 2024** at **NITA-U Head Office, Palm Courts, Plot 7A, Rotary Avenue** at **1100 Hours East Africa Time** with an Online Virtual Meeting using zoom – A link will be shared with all registered proposers prior to the date of the meeting. The proposers who wish to attend the meeting shall register and submit their official email addresses not later than one (1) day to the date of the meeting to **udap@nita.go.ug**

6. The request for proposals document in English may be purchased by interested eligible Proposers upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **Ugx.300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Uganda Shillings Only) or equivalent in a freely convertible currency.** The method of payment will be the *Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)* Bank account number: **006550058000001**, **Customer name:** National Information Technology Authority, Uganda (NITA-U), **Account title:** NITAU Local Revenue Expenditure Account, **Bank Name:** Bank of Uganda Swift Code: **UGBAUGKA**. A PDF bidding document shall be sent to the potential bidder electronically upon receipt of confirmation of payment.

7. Proposals must be delivered to the address below on or before **10th September 2024** at **1100 Hours East Africa Time** Electronic procurement **will not** be permitted. Late Proposals will be rejected. The outer Proposal envelopes marked "ORIGINAL PROPOSAL", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Proposers' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on **1st Floor Boardroom, 1105 Hours East Africa Time 10th September, 2024.** All envelopes marked "FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Purchaser until the second public Proposals opening.

8. Proposals must be accompanied by a **Proposal Security of Uganda Shillings;**

580,000,000 /= (Uganda Shillings Five Hundred Eighty Million) or equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

The Proposal Security shall be valid in accordance with Section II-Proposal Data Sheet (PDS); ITP 20.1

9.Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful Proposer's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the request for proposal document.

10.The address referred to above is:

The Procurement Specialist

National Information Technology Authority-Uganda

Plot 7A, Palm Courts, Rotary Avenue,1st Floor Room 1

Kampala-Uganda