

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
For
Technical Assistance and Advisory support for Procurement of EMV for
AFPay Scheme Payment switch at APS
at Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB -APS)

under the Payments Automation and Integration of Salaries in Afghanistan (PAISA)
project

Country: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Project Name: Payments Automation and Integration of Salaries in Afghanistan
Consultant Service: Acquisition at Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB)
Financed by World Bank - IDA
Project ID Number: P168266
EOI #: PAISA/ C2
Advertising Date: 25th September 2020
Closing Date: 2 November 2020

1. The Da Afghanistan Bank), Islamic Republic of Afghanistan have received financing from the World Bank towards the implementation of the Payment Automation and integration of salaries in Afghanistan and intends to use part of the proceed of the grant towards payment under which this Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) is being issued.
2. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to Payments Automation and Integration of Salaries in Afghanistan (PAISA) Project is to support the development of digital government-to-person payments in Afghanistan. There are four components to the project the first component will be managed by NSIA, and the second component is the integration of the identification, verification and payment systems, the third component is the expansion of financial services and access points, and in conclusion, the fourth component is the project management. This component will be implemented by MoF and support the provision of resources to carry out the coordination, administrative, social and fiduciary aspects of the project. In line with new requirements at MoF, staffing needs have been estimated for the project life.
3. The proposed assignment will focuses on the following activities:
 - Capture requirements, make solution designs and propose suitable infrastructure of Implementing EMV technology for Domestic Card of Afghanistan "AfPay",
 - Be responsible for technical project management,
 - Assist APS relevant teams in setting up new payment solutions and profiles,
 - Provide APS with expert advice and support in EMV and payment related technologies,
 - Stay up-to-date with relevant specifications and new payments initiatives
 - Bridge new market knowledge in payments and mobile on EMV technologies to technical and functional staff of APS,
4. The Da Afghanistan Bank now invites competent and eligible firms to express their interest in providing the above services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the above mentioned services.

- The consultant shall demonstrate having sound financial situation and capacity in the past three years (should not have incurred losses) by submitting latest financial audit report with an annual turnover of at least US\$ **132000** for any of the last 3 (three) years;
- The consultant should have been in business since at least last 5 (five) years;
- The consultant shall also provide proven experiences of having executed at least one contract of similar nature, each with the value of minimum US\$ **100000**;
- The consultant should have at least US\$ **100000** as liquid asset for carrying out the project operations.

5. Consultants may associate with other firms (local or International) to boost their capacity and enhance the value and quality of their services. If consultants intend to associate with other firms, they should clearly state in their EOI the composition and form of the association and identify the lead Consultant.

6. Consultants will be short listed in accordance with Quality and cost Based Selection (QCBS) procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultant by World Bank Borrowers revised in November 2017 and August 2018 . Interested consultants may obtain further information and collect the Terms of Reference at the address below from 8:30 am to 3.30 pm local time, Saturday to Wednesday

7. Expression of interest (EOI) must be delivered on or before the **16.00 hours Kabul local time Monday 2 November 2020** at the address given below. The EOI submissions shall be made as: One "Original" plus two "Copies" including a soft copy on CD. Consultants may, optionally, submit their EOI by email. If an EOI is submitted by email the consultant must ensure that it is the complete and signed copy that is being attached. An EOI that is not signed will not be accepted.

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