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## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRMS SELECTION)

### **NIGERIA**

**ECOWAS - WEST AFRICA UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION (WURI)**

**Project Reference N°.: P161329**

### **Engagement of a Firm to Develop a Roadmap from Foundational Identification Systems to the ECOWAS National Biometric Identity Card**

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) *has received a grant* from the World Bank toward the implementation of West Africa Unique Identification for Regional Integration and Inclusion (WURI) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the **Engagement of a Firm to Develop a Roadmap from Foundational Identification Systems to the ECOWAS National Biometric Identity Card**.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include to elaborate a clear, concise, agile, and implementable process roadmap that will serve as a pathway towards the effective deployment of the ENBIC by Member States. The Roadmap will draw from a stakeholders’ assessment and systems interoperability strategy which are under elaboration.

The Roadmap should cover all the fifteen (15) Member States of the ECOWAS region and it should include the following:

- a) In consideration of Member States’ existing *flD* systems and capacities, undertake a stakeholders’ consultation with the view to articulate strategic and sequenced pathways for (i) countries to utilise their *flD* systems to implement the ENBIC and (ii) individuals to use their *flD* credentials as a stepping stone towards obtaining an ENBIC, for consideration by the *flD* institutions.
- b) Elaborate the functions of the stakeholders responsible for the planning, design, development, deployment, operations, and life cycle management of the ENBIC, including the institutional coordination mechanisms in place for the management of the ENBIC.
- c) Elaborate the legal and institutional considerations for implementing the pathways from *flD* systems and *flD* credentials to the ENBIC, bearing in mind the Member States identification legislation, regulations and regional obligations as contained in the Decision of 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 relative to the Travel Certificate for ECOWAS Member States.

- d) Proffer recommendations of the digital infrastructure and equipment requirement - for example, the smart card readers, data entry devices, for implementing the pathways from fID systems and fID credentials to the ENBIC.
- e) Detail the potential risks, general resource requirements associated with the pathways processes, and metrics for measuring the Member States progress towards delivering the ENBIC to the citizens.

The engagement commences from contract effective date for a period of **three (3) months**. The payments shall be done in line with contract's schedule.

The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Key Experts will not be evaluated at this stage.

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": *Procurement in Investment Project Financing – Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016*, revised November 2017, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest in Consulting Services.

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's qualification-based Selection set* out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **Monday to Friday from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (GMT + 1) Local Time**.

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