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Invitation to Tender for the Provision and Management of Bandwidth to Some Universities Where the Unlcc Project Has Been Implemented

(1) Background

The USPF has a national mandate to provide strategic investments in national ICT projects geared at providing unserved, underserved and rural communities access to Information and Communication Technology (ICT). As part of the mandate, the USPF has over the years implemented projects and provided grants to enable access to basic ICT-enabled learning tools in several institutions across the country under its various projects and programmes such as the University Inter-Campus Connectivity (UnlCC) project. The UnlCC Project is designed to seamlessly connect the networks of the main campuses of selected universities to the networks of their teaching hospitals/medical colleges across the country through the deployment of Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) and its associated equipment

However, to sustain this project and to ensure that its impact is realized by the beneficiaries, the USPF seeks to provide additional support in form of bandwidth connectivity. Funds have therefore been appropriated to provide bandwidth connectivity to complement those obtained from other sources at Universities that have been identified as unserved or underserved.

(2) Objectives

The main objective of the bandwidth provision is for the provider to facilitate, supply and manage internet bandwidth for UnlCC project in each of the Universities listed in this advert.

(3) Locations

Project is grouped into lots as follows:

Lot No	University	Corresponding Teaching Hospital
1	Usmanu Danfodiyo University	Teaching Hospital, Sokoto

2	University of Jos	Teaching Hospital, Jos
	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa	Teaching Hospital + College of Medical
3	University	Sciences, Bauchi
		University of port Harcourt Teaching
4	University of Port Harcourt	Hospital, Choba Park
	Nnamdi Azikiwe	
5	University	Collage of Medical Sciences, Nnewi
6	University of Benin	Teaching Hospital. Benin
	Obafemi Awolowo	
7	University	OAU Teaching Hospital Complex, Ile Ife
8	University of Uyo	College of Health Sciences, Uyo

(4) Scope Of the Project

(a) Survey and conduct site assessment to determine the equipment and associated peripherals to be replaced or provided in all the Universities in the lot or lots under consideration,

(b) Provide DS-3 (45Mbit's) IP Connection to the Universities Data Centre from where it will be distributed internally oath to the University and its corresponding Teaching Hospital via the OFC and associated equipment provided under the UnlCC Project

(c) Provide all the. necessary lost mile Microwave Radio link, hardware, tools etc., and undertake the integration of the University Data Centre to the nearest PoP of the internet Provider (primary internet connection which must come via fibre optic connection)

(d) Provide 1 year post implementation maintenances and support

(5) Deliverables

(a) Submit a comprehensive completion report of internet bandwidth provisioning in all Universities in the lot or lots with graphic presentation of internet usage per

University per lot. The report should indicate equipment provided or replaced in all the Universities, bandwidth utilisation chart etc.

(b) Submission of IP addresses, names of contact persons and GPS co-ordinates of each University

(c) Submit quarterly post implementation report detailing all the relevant statistics in the preceding period e.g, availability, usage, etc, in addition to maintenance work undertaken, equipment repaired or replaced etc.,

(d) Submit final project report covering the entire contract duration

(6) **Eligibility Criteria**

(a) **General Conditions**

Eligible companies must submit the following;-

(i) Evidence of Incorporation and or registration with Corporate Affairs Commission. Companies must enclose Certificate of Incorporation and Form CO7.

(ii) Articles and Memorandum of Association, of their Company, which must show that the Company has ICT related activities as part of it objectives.

(iii) Three year Tax Clearance certificates (2012.2013 and 2014).

(iv) Evidence of Value Added Tax (VAT) registration certificate and past remittances.

(v) Audited accounts for the last three years.

(vi) Evidence of registration on the database of Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by inclusion of the Interim Registration Report (IRR) issued by BPP is included in the requirements in line with the provision of Section 5 (h) of the PPA, 2007.

(vii) Verifiable evidence of financial capacity to execute the project, and such evidence must come from a reputable bank.

(viii) Evidence showing a proper understanding of ICT data solutions large networks,

- (ix) Evidence of similar works carried out in the past.
- (x) Company profile and organizational structure, including names, certificates and resume of key personnel and technical staff with addresses and phone numbers.
- (xi) Current Pension Clearance Certificate from PENCOM including evidence of remittances
- (xii) Evidence of Compliance Certificate with Industrial training Fund (ITF) Act No, 19 of 2011,
- (xiii) Evidence of compliance with the Employee's Compensation Act. which stipulates a remittance of 1% of the total annual emolument of workers to. NSITF.
- (xiv) A sworn affidavit that the firm is not bankrupt, in receivership or under liquidation or involved in my litigation which can potentially affect the company's ability to conclusively participate in this engagement.

(b) **Specific Conditions:**

The proponent shall be required to demonstrate the following minimum competencies

- (i) Proponent must have a verifiable NOC in its premises for similar assignments carried out in the past
- (ii) An understanding of the ICT industry in Nigeria or worldwide,
- (iii) Experience in bandwidth supply.
- (iv) Experience in internet service delivery.
- (v) Experience in OFC instillation.
- (vi) Proponents must demonstrate the ability use not less than 25% of local content in the implementation of this project
- (vii) Demonstrate evidence of similar assignments carried out in the past

(7) **Tender Delivery Instructions**

Qualified Companies wishing to respond to this Invitation must purchase a copy of the Tender Document, which provides more detailed information on the scope and

requirements of the project from the Procurement Department, USPF Secretariat, A non-refundable tendering fee of Fifty Thousand Naira (₦50,000.00) only per lot is required to purchase the Tender Document which must be payable to Universal Service Provision Fund through the CBN payment gateway (REMITA) platform. Evidence of payment must be submitted to the funding and subsidy Department, USPF and copy of the receipt attached to the bid document. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security (Bid Bond) of Five Hundred Thousand Naira (₦500,000.00) in line with section 26(1) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007

The tendering fee receipt and Bid Bond must be submitted in separate envelopes for each lot and marked TF/BA/UnlCC/LOT/No and BB/BA/UnlCC/LOT/No respectively, (Please insert appropriate Lot number)

The Technical and Financial proposal must also be in separate envelopes and must be marked clearly USPF/TD/BA/UNICC/2015/TECHNICAL/LOT/No and appropriate Lot number).

All tender documents must be Hand Delivered and should reach the undersigned on or before **Tuesday, December 21st, 2015 by 1,30 pm. (Kindly Note That Bids Will Be Opened Immediately On The Same Day).**

The Secretary

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(8) Disclaimer

(a) Late submissions shall be rejected.

(b) The USPF will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by any interested party in connection with any response to an inquiry nor shall it entitle any party submitting documents to claim any indemnity from the USPF.

(c) The USPF is not bound to shortlist any bidder and reserves the right to annul the bidding process at any time without incurring any liabilities and assigning any reason thereof.

(d) This tender document is published for information purposes only and should not be construed as a commitment or obligation on the part of the USPF to award a contract.

For further clarification on this tender document please

Email: uspfbids@ncc.gov.ng or uspfprocurement@ncc.gov.ng

Signed :

Management

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