

Overview

UNIVERSITY OF ABUJA

THE UofA OF NIGERIA, THE UNIVERSITY FOR NATIONAL UNITY

(OFFICE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR)

P.M.B 117, ABUJA-NIGERIA

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR PROVISION OF RELIABLE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS VIA OPTICAL FIBER TO THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES UNIVERSITY OF ABUJA

(1.0) INTRODUCTION

The University is desirous of strengthening its virtual learning capacity, interaction and communications locally and with other sister institutions globally. To achieve this goal, access to high speed, scalable and reliable internet data connection via Optical Fiber from a world-class provider is a key objective.

The University therefore invites interested and qualified companies that meet the criteria below to tender for the provision of scalable STM1 Optic Fiber infrastructure to its campuses in Abuja (Airport Road) and Gwagwalada. In view of the critical nature of reliable internet access to the University's world class and virtual learning aspirations, **only Tier 1 companies that own end to end fiber cable infrastructure shall be considered.**

(2.0) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All interested providers are expected to submit copies of the following mandatory pre-qualification documents;

- (i) Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation issued by Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Form CAC1.1 or CAC2 & CAC7;
- (ii) Evidence of Company's Income Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years valid till 31st December 2020;

- (iii) Evidence of current Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December 2020;
- (iv) Evidence of current Pension Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December, 2020;
- (v) Evidence of current Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31st December 2020;
- (vi) Evidence of registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration Report (IRR) expiring on 31st December, 2020 or valid Certificate issued by the Bureau for Public Procurement (BPP);
- (vii) Copy of Certified Audited company Accounts for the immediate past three (3) years (2017, 2018, and 2019) duly stamped by certified auditors;
- (viii) Evidence of Financial Capability to execute the project by submission of Reference Letter from a reputable commercial Bank in Nigeria, indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution of the project when needed;
- (ix) A Sworn affidavit disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of the University of Abuja or the Bureau of Public Procurement is a present Director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and to confirm that all information presented are true and correct in all particulars;
- (x) A copy of Company's Profile with the Curriculum Vitae of Key Staff to be deployed for the project;
- (xi) Verifiable documentary evidence of at least three (3) similar jobs executed in the last five (5) years including letters of awards/job completion certificates and photographs of the projects. Only jobs that are similar in nature (i.e. type of materials supplied or nature of contract or service carried out) shall be considered.
- (xiii) Evidence of being a Tier 1 provider with owned submarine cable infrastructure.
- (xiv) Evidence of registration/accreditation with Computer Professionals Registration Council of Nigeria and National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA);
- (xv) All documents for submission must be transmitted with a covering/forwarding letter under the company/firm's letter head paper bearing among others, the Registration Number (RC) as issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Contact Address, Telephone Number (preferably GSM No.) and email address. The Letterhead paper must bear the names and nationalities of the Directors of the Company at the bottom of the

page. The covering/forwarding letter must be duly signed by the authorized Officer of the Firm.

Please note that the University reserves the right to verify the evidences submitted.

(3.0) COLLECTION AND SUBMISSION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS

(i) Interested companies are to collect the Standard Bidding Documents (SBD) from the Procurement Office Annex, Room C127, First Floor Central Administration, Main Campus Abuja on the evidence of payment of a non-refundable tender fee of N10,000.00 paid into the University of Abuja's Remita Account in any reputable commercial Bank in Nigeria.

(ii) Bidders are to submit completed bids for the project in two (2) hard copies each of the Technical and Financial Bids packaged separately in sealed envelopes and clearly marked "Technical Bid" and "Financial Bid" as appropriate. The reverse side of the envelopes should bear the project name, lot number, name and address of the bidder. Thereafter, the two sealed envelopes are to be placed together in a bigger envelope, sealed and addressed to The Vice-Chancellor, University of Abuja, Abuja, FCT. The envelopes are to be marked boldly and clearly at the top left corner "Bid for Provision Of High Speed Internet Access Via Optical Fiber To The University Campuses".

(iii) The envelopes are to be deposited in the Tender Box labelled "B" located at the reception hall of the University Senate Building, Main Campus, Airport Road **not later than 12:00 noon on Tuesday 8 of December, 2020**. Bidders should ensure that their submission(s) are appropriately logged and signed and that they obtain Bid Submission Receipt(s) at the Venue. The University of Abuja shall not be held liable for misplaced or wrongly submitted bids.

(4.0) OPENING OF TECHNICAL BIDS

Only the technical bids shall be opened immediately after the deadline for submission at **12:00 noon on Tuesday 8 December, 2020**. In the reception hall of the Senate Building, University Main Campus, Airport Road, Abuja. For further enquiries, please contact the Procurement Unit on procurement@uniabuja.edu.ng

(5.0) IMPORTANT NOTES

(i) Bids must be in English Language and signed by an official authorised by the Bidder.

(ii) Bidders should note that time is of the essence in the execution of these projects.

(iii) Bids submitted after the deadline for submission shall be returned unopened.

(iv) All costs shall be borne by the bidders.

(v) Bidders are excused from the bid opening, which will be attended by officials of private sector professional organisation and CSOs in the areas of anti-corruption/transparency. The event will be fully captured on video and can be provided to bidders on request;

(vi) Standard Bidding Documents can also be collected in Soft copies and Bidders can submit through Post (Courier Services)

(vii) Only pre-qualified bidders at technical evaluation will be invited at a later date for financial bids opening, while the financial bids of un-successful bidders will be returned un-opened.

(viii) The University is not bound to prequalify any bidder and reserves the right to annul the process at any time without incurring liabilities in accordance with Section 28 of the Public Procurement Act 2007.

SIGNED:

MANAGEMENT

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