NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY
26/28, MARINA LAGOS
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PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 4040

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK BACKUP LINK AUTHORITY-WIDE

A. INTRODUCTION

The Management of Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) hereby invites reputable and competent Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to submit Expression of Interest documents for the Provision of Virtual Private Network Backup Link Authority-wide. This is consequent on the need to improve the network availability and uptime rate from the current 70% to 99.9%. To achieve this, one of the requirement is to have a redundancy of the existing link to all the locations across the country.

B. SCOPE OF SERVICES

- The Scope of Services includes supply, installation, configuration, provisioning, commissioning, management and monitoring of a backup MPLS Virtual Private Network (VPN) for NPA.

- The bandwidth should be capable of supporting voice, data and video communication.

- The Wide Area Network (WAN) is to be designed so that all locations have direct connection to the HQ while they would be able to connect themselves via the HQ in Lagos with the ability to achieve any-to-any connectivity in future.

More information will be provided on the Request for proposal (RfP) to be issued to prequalified firms.

C. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

Interested companies should submit bound bid documents duly signed, paginated, separated by dividers and arranged in the order outlined hereunder:

Expression of Interest Requirements

1. Evidence of Certificate of Incorporation with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) including Form CO2/CAC2 and CO7/CAC7.
2. Evidence of Company Tax Clearance Certificate and Audited Account for the last three (3) years (2014, 2015 & 2016), duly signed by ANAN/ICAN licensed Auditors.
3. Evidence of Current Pension Clearance Certificate from National Pension Commission (PENCOM).
4. Evidence of Current Compliance Certificate with Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Act No. 19 of 2011.
5. Evidence of Current Compliance Certificate with the Employees Compensation Act which requires that all employers of labour must remit 1% of the toal annual emolument of their workers to the Nigerian Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF).
6. Evidence of Current registration on the National Data Base of Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) or copy of interim Registration report (IRR) as evidence of compliance with the requirement.
7. Bids must be in English Language and signed by an official authorized by the bidder.
8. All bids must be accompanied with a sworn affidavit disclosing that they do not have any Director who has been convicted in any Country for any criminal offence relating to fraud or financial impropriety or criminal misrepresentation or falsification of facts relating to any matter.
9. All bidders must accompany every bid with an affidavit disclosing whether or not any officer of the relevant committees of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA) or Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) is a former or

present director, shareholder or has any pecuniary interest in the bidder and confirm that all information presented in its bid are true and correct in all particulars.

10. The Bidder shall be a direct licensed ISP with a valid registration with Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to provide IP VPN services.
11. Evidence of state-of-art Network management centre for service availability 24/7 to ensure uninterrupted services.
12. Evidence of presence of local offices at Lagos, Port Harcourt, Onne, Warri, Calabar and Abuja.
13. Evidence of Points of Presence (PoPs) at each of the locations on its backbone.
14. Evidence of minimum of two (2) similar projects executed in the last five (5) years including letters of awards, completion certificates etc.
15. Company profile to include names, qualifications and experience of key personnel (attach academic/professional certificates and evidence of experience).
16. All documents for submission must be transmitted with a Covering/Forwarding letter under the Company/Firm's Letter Head Paper bearing amongst others, the Registration Number (RC) as issued by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), contact address, telephone (preferably GSM No.), fax and e-mail address. The Letter Head Paper must bear the Name and Nationalities of the Directors of the Company/Firm at the bottom of the page.
17. For Joint Venture (JV)/Partnership, Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be provided. (Items 1 – 13 are compulsory for the Lead JV partner).

Note: Failure to comply with items 1-13 above will lead to disqualification of the bid. Any company providing a similar service for the Authority is not permitted to participate in the bid.

D. SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DOCUMENTS

Prospective bidders are to submit two (2) hard copies of EOI documents (one original and one duplicate) in **SEALED ENVELOPES**, clearly marked **"EXPRESSION OF INTERST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK BACKUP LINK AUTHORITY-WIDE" Specifying PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 4040** and addressed to "**THE SECRETARY, TENDERS BOARD, NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY".** Furthermore, the reverse side of the sealed envelope should have the name and address of the bidder. Then drop the sealed envelope in the designated Tender Box located on the 1st floor of the Headquarters Building of Nigerian Ports Authority at 26/28, Marina Lagos adjacent to the Lift Lobby not later than **11.00am** on **Friday, 3rd November 2017.**

All bid documents received before the deadline for submission will be opened **immediately** at the Conference room, 1 Joseph Street, off Marina, Lagos in the presence of bidders or their representatives. Please, ensure that you sign the bid submission register in the office of the General Manager, Procurement on the 1st floor of the Headquarters Building of Nigerian Ports Authority at 26/28, Marina Lagos, as the Authority will not be held liable for misplaced or wrongly submitted bids. For further enquiries, please contact the "General Manager (Procurement)" on e-mail: **info.procurement@nigerianports.org**

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Late submission would not be entertained.
2. All costs incurred as a result of this tender invitation and any subsequent requests for information shall be borne by the bidding companies and only short-listed companies will be contacted.
3. The Authority is not bound to pre-qualify any bidder and reserves the right to annul the Procurement process at any time without incurring any liabilities in accordance with Section 28 of the Public Procurement Act 2007.

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NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY