



**NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY**  
**26/28, MARINA LAGOS**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 4085**

**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 wishes to notify bidders that participated in the earlier advertisement of this project which was published as Public Notice No. 4040 in the Guardian and Leadership newspapers as well as the Federal Tenders Journal of Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 that due to insufficient competition, the procurement proceedings have been cancelled.

Consequently, the Authority 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 Forms CAC2 and CAC7.
2. Evidence of Company Income's Tax Clearance Certificate for the last three (3) years (2015, 2016 & 2017) valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
3. Evidence of Company Audited Accounts for the last three (3) years (2015, 2016 & 2017) duly signed by ANAN/ICAN licensed Auditors.
4. Evidence of Current Pension Clearance Certificate from National Pension Commission (PENCOM) valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
5. Evidence of current Industrial Training Fund (ITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.
6. Evidence of current Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund (NSITF) Compliance Certificate valid till 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

7. Evidence of registration on the National Database of Federal Contractors, Consultants and Service Providers by submission of Interim Registration report (IRR) expiring on 1/1/2019 or valid Certificate issued by BPP.
8. Sworn Affidavit disclosing:
  - That the Company does 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.
  - 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.
  - That the Company is not in receivership, subject of any form of insolvency or bankruptcy proceeding or the subject of any form of winding up petition or proceedings.
9. 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 Names and Nationalities of the Directors of the Company/Firm at the bottom of the page.
10. Evidence of financial capability to execute the project by submission of reference letter from a reputable commercial bank indicating willingness to provide credit facility for the execution of the project when needed.
11. The Bidder shall be a direct licensed ISP with a valid registration with Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) to provide IP VPN services.
12. Evidence of State-of-art Network Management Centre for service availability 24/7 to ensure uninterrupted services.
13. Evidence of Points of Presence (PoPs) at each of the locations on its backbone.
14. Evidence of presence of local offices at Lagos, Port Harcourt, Onne, Warri, Calabar and Abuja.
15. Verifiable documentary evidence of two (2) similar projects executed in the last five (5) years including letters of awards, completion certificates, Contract Agreements, etc.
16. Company profile to include names, qualification (copies of relevant academic and professional qualifications of such personnel must be attached) and experience of key personnel in the Provision of Virtual Private Network.

**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 pre-qualification documents in a **SEALED ENVELOPE** addressed to "**SECRETARY TO THE TENDERS BOARD, NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY**" and clearly marked "**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK BACKUP LINK AUTHORITY-WIDE**" specifying **PUBLIC NOTICE NO: 4085**. Furthermore, the reverse side of the sealed envelope should have the name and address of the bidder. Thereafter, drop the envelope in the designated Tender Box located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Headquarters Building of Nigerian Ports Authority at 26/28, Marina Lagos not later than **11.00 am on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019**.

#### **E. OPENING OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DOCUMENTS**

The Expression of Interest (EoI) documents received before the deadline for submission will be opened **immediately at 11.00 am on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019** in the Conference room on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the ancillary building, 26/28 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 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Headquarters Building of Nigerian Ports Authority at 26/28, Marina Lagos adjacent to the Lift Lobby, 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](mailto:info.procurement@nigerianports.org).

**F. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Bids must be in English Language and signed by an official authorized by the bidder.
2. Late submission would not be entertained.
3. 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.
4. 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.

**SIGNED  
MANAGEMENT  
NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY**