

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)
For
Acquisition of PCI DSS Certification for the National Switch
Payment switch at APS
at Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB)

under the Payments Automation and Integration of Salaries in Afghanistan (PAISA)
project

Country: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Project Name: Payments Automation and Integration of Salaries in Afghanistan
Consultant Service: Acquisition at Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB)
Financed by World Bank - IDA
Project ID Number: PAISA
EOI #: PAISA/ C1
Advertising Date: 24 September 2020
Closing Date: 1 November 2020

1. The Da Afghanistan Bank), the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, has received financing from the World Bank towards implementing the Payment Automation and integration of salaries in Afghanistan. It intends to use part of the proceed of the grant towards payment under which this Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) is being issued.

2. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to payments Automation and Integration of Salaries in Afghanistan (PAISA) Project is to support the development of digital government-to-person payments in Afghanistan. There are four components to the project. NSIA will manage the first component, and the second component is the integration of the identification, verification, and payment systems; the third component is the expansion of financial services and access points, and in conclusion, the fourth component is the project management. This component will be implemented by MoF and support the provision of resources to carry out the coordination, administrative, social, and fiduciary aspects of the project. In line with new requirements at MoF, staffing needs have been estimated for the project life.

3. The proposed assignment will focus on the following activities listed in A and B:

A. PCI ASV & PCI QSA Compliance Services

- ✓ Provide PCI DSS validated internal network scanning, vulnerability assessments, and associated remediation advisory services.
- ✓ Provide PCI DSS validated internal network penetration testing and associated remediation advisory services.
- ✓ Provide PCI DSS validated external network scanning, vulnerability assessments, and associated remediation advisory services
- ✓ Provide PCI DSS validated external network penetration testing and associated remediation advisory services
- ✓ Provide PCI DSS validated web application vulnerability assessments and associated remediation advisory services
- ✓ Provide PCI DSS validated web application penetration testing and associated advisory services
- ✓ Provide PCI DSS validated network segmentation testing, vulnerability assessments, and associated advisory services

- ✓ Provide reporting on any of the above services necessary to meet applicable PCI DSS ASV reporting requirements
- ✓ Provide a review of security policies related to PCI DSS Compliance
- ✓ Provide risk assessment advisory services
- ✓ Provide consulting and advisory services for the development and implementation
- ✓ PCI environments, applications, and services.
- ✓ Provide onsite and remote PCI training
- ✓ Provide any other QSA services necessary to conform to PCI standards and approved by the APS that are not explicitly mentioned in this TOR
- ✓ Submit ROVs to the PCI Security Standards Council (“PCI SSC”) for approval.
- ✓ Provide an online portal that allows the user access to:
 - a) initiate internal and external scans on demand
 - b) schedule internal and external network scans
 - c) retrieve internal and external network scan results
 - d) retrieve remediation advisory documents associated with services provided
 - e) submit disputes for results of services provided
 - f) retrieve certificates of completion for services provided

B. PCI QIR Evaluation & PA DSS Services:

- ✓ Provide PA DSS gap analysis.
- ✓ Provide PA DSS onsite compliance audits to ensure sensitive data is secure as it is stored, processed, and transmitted by payment applications
- ✓ As part of PA DSS onsite compliance audits, create a formal PA DSS Report on Validation (ROV) including an Attestation of Validation
- ✓ Provide sufficient and adequate documentation within the Report on Validation (ROV) to demonstrate the payment application’s compliance with PA-DSS.
- ✓ Review security policies to ensure compliance with PA DSS standards and requirements.
- ✓ Conduct formal PA DSS assessments that verify the PA-DSS payment application is appropriately configured and securely implemented, by PA DSS requirements

4. The Da Afghanistan Bank now invites competent and eligible firms to express their interest in providing the above services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services as mentioned above.

- **The consultant shall demonstrate having sound financial situation and capacity in the past three years (should not have incurred losses) by submitting the latest financial audit report with an annual turnover of at least US\$ 132000 for any of the last 3 (three) years;**
- **The consultant should have been in business since at least last 5 (five) years;**
- **The consultant shall also provide proven experiences of having executed at least one contract of similar nature, each with the value of minimum US\$ 100000;**
- **The consultant should have at least US\$ 100000 as a liquid asset for carrying out the project operations.**

5. Consultants may associate with other firms (local or International) to boost their capacity and enhance the value and quality of their services. If consultants intend to associate with other firms,

they should clearly state in their EOI the composition and form of the association and identify the lead Consultant.

6. Consultants will be shortlisted by Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultant by World Bank Borrowers revised in November 2017 and August 2018. Interested consultants may obtain further information and collect the Terms of Reference at the address below from 8:30 am to 3.30 pm local time, Saturday to Wednesday

7. Expression of interest (EOI) must be delivered on or before the **14.00 hours Kabul local time Sunday, 1 November 2020**, at the address given below. The EOI submissions shall be made as One "Original" plus two "Copies," including a soft copy on CD. Consultants may, optionally, submit their EOI by e-mail. If an EOI is submitted by e-mail, the consultant must ensure that it is the complete and signed copy attached. An EOI that is not signed will not be accepted.

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