

**Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for Assessment of DAB IT Infrastructure at  
Da Afghanistan Bank under the Strengthening Afghanistan Financial Intermediation Project  
(SAFI).**

Country: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan  
Project Name: Strengthening Afghanistan Financial Intermediation Project (SAFI)  
Consultant Service: Assessment of DAB IT Infrastructure Security (Firm)  
Financed by World Bank - IDA  
Project ID Number: P171886  
EOI #: DAB/SAFI/C-19  
Advertising Date: 1/January/2020  
Closing Date: 16/February /2020

1. The (Da Afghanistan Bank), Islamic Republic of Afghanistan have received financing from the World Bank towards the implementation of the **Strengthening Afghanistan Financial Intermediation Project (SAFI)** and 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 “Review and Assess the Security of DAB IT and APS Infrastructure and to develop and recommend action plans for improved security of DAB IT and APS Infrastructure.
3. The proposed assignment will focus on the following activities:
  - a. Achieve enhanced competency and assurance of security system of DAB’s Information Technology infrastructure, platforms and ATS (RTGS, ACH & CSD), the Core Banking System (CBS), the Financial System (ERP), the National Switch (APS) and all current applications of DAB, an assessment of the current security measures and recommendations to DAB with the right solution in order to increase the security measures to leading practices in the financial industry.
  - b. The Information Security (IS) Assessment will entail conducting a risk assessment of the IS Systems at the Bank including identification and evaluation of the risks and method of mitigation of such risks. In light of the risk assessment exercise, the selected consulting firms should recommend and assist in implementing a set of international best practices governing the Management of Information Systems in the Banking Sector world-wide. The Consultant shall also assess the compliance of the regulatory standards.
4. The deliverable and responsibilities of the consultant will include the following:  
A comprehensive review of Da Afghanistan Bank Applications, the database, Network infrastructure, physical security and procedures, all data centers (Production, Near DR and Far DR)
5. 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 above mentioned services.
  - The consultant shall demonstrate having sound financial situation and capacity by submitting financial audit report with annual turnover of at least US\$ 550,000 for any of the last 3 (three) years;

- The consultant should have been in similar business since at least last 5 (five) years.
- The consultant shall also provide proven experiences of having executed at least two contracts of similar nature, each with the value of minimum US\$ 300,000.
- The firm is required to provide synopsis of previous work in the form of case studies.

6. Consultants may associate with other firm(s) 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 and JV member/Subconsultant.

In case of JV both the lead and members should meet the minimum qualification but in case subconsultant only the lead firm should meet the minimum qualification shortlisting requirements.

7. Consultants will be short listed in accordance with Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultant by World Bank Borrowers is used (2016) revised in 2017 and 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
8. Expression of interest (EOI) must be delivered **on or before the 16.00 hours Kabul local time 16/February/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 email. If an EOI is submitted by email the consultant must ensure that it is the complete and signed copy that is being attached. An EOI that is not signed will not be accepted.

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