**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 of PCI DSS Certification for the National SwitchPayment switch at APSat Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB)**

**NPA Ref No: NPA/DAB/1400/CS-2770/QCBS**

**Financed by World Bank - IDA**

**Project ID Number: PAISA**

**EOI #: PAISA/ C1**

**Advertising Date: 16/06 / 2021**

**Closing Date: 12 / 07 /2021**

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) isto 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,andthe 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:
  1. initiate internal and external scans on demand
  2. schedule internal and external network scans
  3. retrieve internal and external network scan results
  4. retrieve remediation advisory documents associated with services provided
  5. submit disputes for results of services provided
  6. retrieve certificates of completion for services provided

1. **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

1. The Da Afghanistan Bank now invites competent and eligible firms to express their interest in providing the above services. Interested firms must provideinformation indicating that they are qualified to perform the services as mentioned above.
2. The shortlisting criteria are:
3. **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$ 240,000 for any of the last 3 (three) years;**
4. **The consultant shall also provide proven experiences of having executed at least one contract of similar nature, with the value of minimum US$ 120,000.**
5. **The consultant should have been in business for at least last 5 (five) years, and shall provide their valid business license/certificate of incorporation;**
6. **The Consultant should furnish the following details:**
7. **The Consultant should explain in what way the executed assignment was similar in nature to the current assignment;**
8. **The Consultant should explain the exact role played by the Consultant in the assignment, especially whether the assignment was carried out in association with other firms as joint venture (JV) or in sub-consultancy;**
9. **The lead partner shall meet all the shortlisting criteria above substantially. The JV partner should also meet the shortlisting criteria (c) substantially and criteria (a, and b) above as50% of the value indicated therein). The lead partner needs to be identified in JV agreement or intention of forming JV to be submitted with the EoI.**
10. 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.
11. 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 November2019 and August 2020.* Interested consultants may obtain further information and collect the Terms of Reference at the address below from 8:00am to 4.00 pm local time, Saturday to Thursday
12. Expression of interest (EOI) must be delivered on or before the **14.00 hours Kabul local time ddmm2021,** at the address given below. The EOI submissions shall be made as One “Original” plus two “Copies,” including a soft copy on CD/DVD/Flash drive. 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.

**For the purpose of clarifications, the address is as follows:**

**Attention: Ahmad Noor Shinwari**

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