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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)**

COUNTRY : MALAWI
NAME OF PROJECT : DIGITAL MALAWI ACCELERATION PROJECT
GRANT NO. : IDA-E338-MW
ASSIGNMENT TITLE : HIRING OF CYBER SECURITY SPECIALIST
REFERENCE NO. : MW-PPPC-454406-CS-INDV

The Government of Malawi has received a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank toward the cost of digital development in Malawi “**Digital Malawi Acceleration Project**” and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services of a Cybersecurity Specialist.

The overall aim of the Digital Malawi Acceleration Project is to increase access to, and inclusive use of, the internet and improve the Government's capacity to deliver digitally enabled services.

The project has four components, namely, Affordable broadband and secure data hosting, Interoperable and secure data platforms, High impact digital services and productive digital usage and Project management. Under Component 1, the Project is expected to cover the Next Generation Digital ID and identity verification services, including electronic Know Your Customer (eKYC) and Public Key Infrastructure (PKI). It is with this background that the Government of Malawi intends to engage the services of the Data Centre Customer Support Analyst.

The Cybersecurity Specialist will be responsible for overseeing the technical operations of the CERT, ensuring the security infrastructure is robust, responsive, and up to date. The specialist will lead the technical team, monitor and secure government systems, and respond to cybersecurity incidents, threat detections, and vulnerability management.

The Public Private Partnership Commission (PPPC) now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The consultant shall be an individual with relevant qualifications and experience. The shortlisting criteria shall be:

1. A minimum of a Bachelor’s degree in Cybersecurity, Information Security, Computer Science, or a related field. A master’s degree will be an added advantage.

2. Demonstrate having at least one of the following certifications or equivalent), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), Certified Ethical Hacker – Practical (CEH), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), or similar certifications.
3. Demonstrate having at least seven (7) years of relevant professional experience in cybersecurity, with a focus on security engineering, incident response, and threat management
4. Demonstrate having proven experience in implementing and managing security technologies such as firewalls, IDS/IPS, and SIEM systems
5. Having strong analytical skills with the ability to assess risks and develop appropriate mitigations

A successful candidate will work with the Department of E-Government for a period of three (3) years with the possibility of extending the contract subject to satisfactory performance. The performance will be measured based on timely submission and quality of all deliverables, advancement of the respective activities, and the feedback from management and technical team members at e-Government Department focused on technical competency, professionalism, responsiveness, and teamwork.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual (INDV) selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, that is, 08:00 to 4:30 hours. Detailed Terms of Reference (TORs) are available on the PPPC website www.pppc.mw/procuremnt. The TORs can also be sent to interested consultants by e-mail upon request from the e-mail address indicated below.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 2:00pm local time on Tuesday 9th January 2025.

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