

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

***Authorised under Section 14(2) of the Public Procurement Act 2006
as amended and Regulation 7 of the Information and
Communication Technologies (Universal Service Fund)
Regulations 2008***

(Procurement Reference No: CPB/05/2021)

Procurement of Free Wi-Fi Service in Mauritius and Rodrigues

1. Introduction

The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA) invites bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Procurement of Free Wi-Fi Service in Mauritius and Rodrigues as authorised under Section 14 (2) of the Public Procurement Act 2006 as amended and Regulation 7 of the Information and Communication Technologies (Universal Service Fund) Regulations 2008.

The bidder(s) shall at the date and time of bid submission, be a licensee of the ICTA and holder(s) of an INTERNET SERVICE LICENCE - (C.08) Licence as prescribed under Section 24 of the ICT Act 2001 and been operational for the last five years.

2. Scope of Services

The objectives of this project, is to set up 234 Free Wi-Fi Zones in Mauritius and Rodrigues.

The objectives include the following:

1. Availability of Free Wi-Fi Service to all users at the locations identified in Annex A having a Wi-Fi enabled device, such as a smartphone, a tablet or a laptop amongst others.
2. To ensure a hassle-free connectivity and smooth use of the Free Wi-Fi service.
3. The Free Wi-Fi Service will be limited to 2 hours per user over a period of 24 hours.
4. The Free Wi-Fi Service should normally be available on a 24/7 basis but would be subject to business hours of specific publicly-administered sites.
5. Ensure a smooth fault reporting system.
6. Ability to provide monthly data in terms of users per location, data consumption, amongst others.

3. Bidding Documents

Bidding documents may be downloaded free of charge from the website: www.icta.mu and publicprocurement.govmu.org

4. Queries on Procurement Exercise

No pre-bid meeting will be held, but instead queries, may be addressed to the Executive Director by email (ctc@icta.mu) by latest Monday 05 July 2021.

The ICT Authority will reply to all queries by Tuesday 13 July 2021 and same will be made available on the Authority's website (www.icta.mu).

5. Submission of Bids

Bids in sealed envelope clearly marked (**Procurement Reference No. CPB/05/2021**) - **Procurement of Free Wi-Fi Service in Mauritius and Rodrigues** and addressed to:

**The Chief Executive, Central Procurement Board,
1st Floor, Social Security House,
Julius Nyerere Avenue,
Rose-Hill,
Republic of Mauritius**

and should be deposited in the Tender Box, at the above- mentioned address on or before **Wednesday 28 July 2021** up to **13.30 hours (local time)** at latest.

Bids received after the specified date and time shall not be considered. All late submissions will be returned unopened to the bidders.

6. Bid Security

The Bidder shall furnish a Bid Security from a commercial bank operating in Mauritius in the amount of Mauritian Rupees (**MUR**) **5,000,000**. The Bid Security shall be valid up to **24 December 2021**.

7. Opening of Bids

Prospective bidders are hereby informed that bids will be opened at **Conference Room Central Procurement Board First Floor Social Security House Julius Nyerere Avenue**, on the same day as from 14.00 hours in the presence of bidders/bidder's representatives who may choose to attend.

8. Right to accept/reject any bid

The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICT Authority) reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of Contract without thereby incurring any liability to any bidder.

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24th June 2021