

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) 2008

(Procurement Reference No: SBD11/ICTA/USF/RDG/12-16/07)

ACQUISITION OF DEDICATED SATELLITE BANDWIDTH CAPACITY OF 425 Mbps FOR RODRIGUES

1. Introduction

The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA), is inviting sealed bids through an Invitation for Bidding exercise which **shall** be opened to licensees of the ICTA and who are holder(s) of either:

- a) a Networking Services Provider (International) [B.02] licence, or
- b) an International Long Distance (ILD) Network [C.04] licence,

as prescribed under Section 24 of the ICT Act 2001. The licensees, are the eligible and qualified bidders who have the appropriate licence, the technical capacity resources and experience in projects of a similar nature and complexity with sound financial means, to undertake the services as stipulated in the Bidding Documents.

2. Scope of Services

The scope of service is it to acquire dedicated satellite bandwidth capacity of 425 Mbps (Downlink: 350 Mbps / Uplink: 75 Mbps) for the support of Internet services including IP based services from and to Rodrigues until the end of 2018.

The contract shall be for a duration of 20 months.

3. Bidding Documents

Bidding Documents may be downloaded, free of charge, from the website: www.icta.mu

4. Any clarification sought by any bidder in respect of this bid exercise shall be addressed in writing to: **The Executive Director, Information & Communication Technologies Authority, Level 12, The Celicourt, 6, Sir Celicourt Antelme Street, Port Louis, Republic of Mauritius, Tel: +230 211 5333 Fax: +230 211 9444 Email: ctc@icta.mu**

5. Submission of Bids

Bids in sealed envelopes duly filled and marked "**Acquisition of dedicated Satellite Bandwidth, capacity of 425 Mbps for Rodrigues - (Procurement Reference No: SBD11/ICTA/USF/RDG/12-16/07)**" addressed to:

**The Chairperson Tender Committee,
Level 12, The Celicourt
6, Sir, Celicourt Antelme Street,
Port Louis.**

and shall be deposited in the Bid Box of the above-mentioned office on or before **20 January 2017 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

Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security for the amount of **MUR 2,000,000** in the format specified in the Bidding Documents. Bids not accompanied by a Bid Security as specified shall be rejected.

7. Opening of Bids

Prospective bidders are hereby informed that bids will be opened at the ICT AUTHORITY, Level 12, The Celicourt, 6, sir Celicourt Antelme Street, Port Louis, on the same day as from 14.00 hours in the presence of bidders/bidder's representatives who may choose to attend.

8. Pre-bid Site Visit/Meeting

A pre-bid meeting will be held on 21 December 2016 at 14:00 hrs. The venue for the visit/meeting is at the under-mentioned address.

9. 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.

Information & Communication Technologies Authority of Mauritius (ICT Authority),

Level 12,

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14 December 2016