

# **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES AUTHORITY**

## **INVITATION TO TENDER FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO ASSESS THE FULL POTENTIAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICA FAR EAST(SAFE) UNDERSEA OPTICAL FIBRE AND THE INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LEASED CIRCUIT (IPLC) RATES**

### **Synopsis**

The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA or Authority) invites interested bidders to provide consultancy services to assess the full potential of the SAFE cables in Mauritius.

### **Introduction**

The Information and communication Technologies Authority (the Authority), otherwise known as the ICTA, is a statutory body established by the Information and Communications Telecommunications Act, 2001 hereinafter referred to as the Act. The Authority is of the view that full utilization capacity of SAFE cable has not been achieved and many countries are reviewing the pricing mechanism for IPLC. In order to keep pace with those countries and to increase the competitiveness of Mauritius towards call centre and business process outsourcing activities, the Authority intends to carry out a full study on SAFE submarine cables.

The Authority thus invites tenders from internationally recognized and reputable consultancy firms for a study with a view to develop a costing model and pricing mechanism for SAFE cable (IPLC) in Mauritius.

The bidding consultancy firms should have relevant experience in at least similar assignments.

### **Scope of Work and Bidding Conditions**

Tender documents with an outline of the scope of work and other details, will be available from the Authority's office with effect from 6<sup>th</sup>

May 2005. Bidders are required to pay a non-refundable fee of MUR 2,000 or USD 80.

The tender documents can also be obtained through e-mail upon proof of payment of the said fee to the ICTA account (particulars of which would be available upon request).

The technical and financial proposals should be shown clearly as separate items.

Bid documents should be submitted in one original plus five copies enclosed in separate plain inner envelopes and marked 'original bid' and 'copies' as appropriate, sealed in one plain outer cover labelled "TENDER FOR SAFE UNDERSEA CABLE AND IPLC RATES" and properly addressed to the Authority at the following address:

The Executive Director  
Information and Communication Technologies Authority  
Cnr Jummah Mosque and Remy Ollier Streets  
Port-Louis  
Mauritius

### **Deadline**

Bids should reach the ICTA not later than 12:00 Hours, on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2005.

### **Enquiries**

Interested bidders may obtain further information from:

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The Authority's working hours is between 08:30 hours – 16:00 hours (GMT + 3:00), from Monday to Friday.