

Seychelles

Seychelles Submarine Cable Project – Pre-Investment Analysis

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Seychelles has received a Technical Assistance Grant from the MIC (Middle Income Country) Fund of the African Development Bank (AfDB) and intends to apply the proceeds to support the preparation for Seychelles to be linked to East Africa by a submarine cable connection.

The services include the following:

1. Seychelles Submarine Cable Project – Pre-Investment Analysis.

A: Undertake a Detailed Feasibility Study (DFS) for the establishment of a submarine cable link from Seychelles to East-Africa. The Study will cover the following:

- Development and analysis of detailed configurations for both the submarine cable system solution/s;
- In depth analysis and investigation of the technical, commercial and financial feasibility of the project vis-à-vis the different options;
- Full comparative analysis between connectivity options and recommendations for the optimal (technical / commercial / financial) solution;
- Development of a full business plan / model for the project which can be used to seek investment internationally.
- Propose a possible ownership structure / model for the cable system;
- Identification of promoters and various interested stakeholders.

B: Undertake a detailed Environmental And Social Impact Assessment Study (EASIAS) for the submarine cable project. This study would cover the following:

- Full assessment on the environmental and social impact of implementation of the cable system offshore and onshore (landing point locations);
- Identify and propose mitigation strategies or measures in addressing the potential negative impacts of implementation the submarine cable project;
- Organise the necessary information to enable the appropriate EASIA certificates to be obtained for each of the landing points in the system. This is inclusive of any public consultation / participation procedures required.

This notice has been published in at least one newspaper the Seychelles. The appearance date of this notice is considered to be the official publication date.

The Government of Seychelles now invites Consulting Firms with demonstrated expertise in ICT broadband infrastructure projects to indicate their interest in providing the required services for the DFS and EASIAS of the Seychelles Submarine cable project.

Interested Firms must provide a statement of capacity and experience indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Interested Firms must provide at least the following information to indicate that they are qualified to perform the services:

- A list of similar projects undertaken by the Firms in the last five (5) years indicating: the location and the duration of the assignment, the name of the client and its coordinates (address, e-mail, phone, fax and contact person), estimated budget, a description of the assignment, the name of the consultant's associates (if any, mentioning their role in the assignment as well as the area and percentage of their involvement) the number, input (staff-months), and the names of the Firm staff involved in the

assignment as well as a description of actual services provided by the Firm's staff within the assignment;

- Brief information about the financial capacity of the Firm for the last 3 years (2006, 2007, 2008) indicating the annual turnover and the profit/loss account;
- At least one reference or recommendation letter from one of the previous clients referred to in the list of similar project.

Firms may associate with other consulting services for this project, forming consortia. In such case, the Expression of Interest shall provide the information above for each of the member of the consortium and should clearly identify the lead company of the consortium. Please note that in assessing the qualification, the consortia will be treated as a whole.

The information submitted in the Expression of Interest document will primarily be used to finalize a shortlist of 6 firms, which may be invited to submit formal proposals, therefore it is important that all relevant information be included in the consultant's submission.

The Selection of the consulting firms and individual consultants will be in accordance with AfDB's *Rules of Procedure For The Use Of Consultants*. Letters of Invitation will be issued to the short listed firms. Interested eligible Consulting firms requiring further information should contact the address below:

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Submission of Expression of Interests (EOI)

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in electronic form and six hard copies (one original and five copies) in a sealed envelope clearly marked "**Expression of Interest for the DFS & EASIAS for the Seychelles Submarine Cable Project**". The sealed envelopes should be addressed and delivered not later than **12.00 noon on 30th April 2008** at the address below. Only Short-listed firms and individual consultants will be contacted.

Contact:

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