



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

REFERENCE: EAC/PSSIP/IC/2021/38

Sector: **Financial Sector** ADF Grant No: **2100155040168** Project ID No: **P-Z1-HZ0-038**

The East African Community (EAC) has received financing from the African Development Fund (ADF) toward the cost of the *EAC Payment and Settlement Systems Integration Project (EAC-PSSIP)* and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for *Individual Consultancy services for the support (Technical Scope) of National payment Systems (NPS); Hybrid Automated Transfer Systems (ATS) that comprising of three components (RTGS, ACH and CSD) for Bank of South Sudan (BSS).*

The implementation of the ATS shall consider international best practices, the international Messaging Standards and be possible to use delimited plain text files, CSV files, Excel files or XML files (e.g., the ISO20022 files) to transmit payment instructions. Any of these file formats can be adopted by Republic of South Sudan at any time in future. The consultancy services shall include among others:

- i. Study of existing payment system infrastructures in the Republic of South Sudan
- ii. Prepare an overall framework, design and architecture of the ATS system infrastructure requirement
- iii. Develop the technical and functional specifications requirement to be used in procuring, configuring and implementation of the IT infrastructure, ATS systems, and the users' desktop and review bill of quantities for the primary and DRC data centres
- iv. Conduct consultative workshops with key stakeholders
- v. Assist in implementation, project management and installation of the ATS at BSS.
- vi. Developing Bank of South Sudan official's capacity and post-implementation requirements

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for this consultancy can be obtained from the EAC website at www.eac.int/ and the Bank of South Sudan (BSS) website <https://bankofsouthsudan.org/> or requested directly from the contact indicated below.

The EAC Secretariat now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (letter of interest, Update CV, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.).

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Fund's *"Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants"* (May 2008 Edition, Revised July 2012), which is available on the Fund's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. The EAC Secretariat is under no obligation to select any consultant who expresses interest.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours **0800hrs – 1700hrs** (local time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below **via email or hand delivery** by **Tuesday 20th, July 2021** at **1700hr** Arusha time, and mention “**Ref; EAC/PSSIP/IC/2021/38 Individual Consultancy services for the support (Technical Scope) of National Payment Systems (NPS); Hybrid Automated Transfer Systems (ATS)**”.

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