

EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY



GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Name of Borrower's Country: **Multinational – East African Community (EAC)**

Name of Project: **EAC Payment and Settlement Systems Integration Project (EAC-PSSIP): South Sudan**

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1. The East African Community (EAC) has received a Grant from the African Development Bank and African Development Fund to finance the EAC Payment and Settlement Systems Integration Project (EAC-PSSIP): South Sudan. The Protocol of Agreement amounting to Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Units of Account (UA2,900,000) from African Development Fund (“the Fund”) and the Protocol of Agreement amounting to One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Units of Account (UA 1,900,000) from the Transition Support Facility (the “TSF”) were signed between the REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN (RSS), the EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC), the AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (“the Bank”) and the AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (“the Fund”) to fund the 3 years EAC-PSSIP: South Sudan project.

2. The principal objective of this Project is to modernize the payment and settlement systems in the Republic of South Sudan in order to enhance the performance of the country’s financial systems and promote regional integration. The EAC Payment and Settlement Systems Integration Project (EAC-PISSP) was designed in 2012 and during the period the Republic of South Sudan was not a member of the EAC. The Republic of South Sudan was admitted as a full Member of the EAC on 1st October 2016. This Project aims to extend the implementation of the EAC-PSSIP to the Republic of South Sudan. The Project will assist the Republic of South Sudan to develop and harmonize the payment and settlement systems with the other five member countries of the EAC (Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and United Republic of Tanzania) by facilitating the process leading up to the launch of a monetary union in the community and stimulate increased economic and trade relations in the region.

3. The project includes the following components:

- (a) **Strengthening the Payment Systems Infrastructure and upgrade:** This component will include the following activities:

- (i) Procurement and installation of an upgraded IT infrastructure including the necessary replacements /upgrades in hardware and software, with a view to ensuring high-level availability, resiliency, scalability, redundancy that will support the national payment systems and in general ensuring a high level of compliance with international standards. This comprises the upgrade of LAN Datacenter; Storage; UPS; the generators; Disaster recovery center;
 - (ii) Procurement and installation users' desktop and upgrade of OS to support the national payment system;
 - (iii) Procurement and implementation of Swift Gateway and SwiftNet connectivity;
 - (iv) Procurement and implementation of Automated Transfer System, a hybrid system which includes the Automated Clearing House – ACH system and the Real Time Gross Settlement system – RTGS; and
 - (v) Technical Assistance/Payment Expert to support BSS in the implementation of the Project.
- (b) **Project Management:** This component will support the maintenance of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) at the EAC Secretariat, PIU Project operational expenses and the provision of PIU-logistical support for BSS and EAC core project team.

4. Procurement of goods and/or works will be in accordance with the Bank's Rules and Procedure for the Procurement of Goods and Works. Acquisition of the services of Consultants will follow the Bank's Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants. Bidding documents are expected to be available in (October 2019).

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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