



UGANDA COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Energy for Rural Transformation Project – ICT Component

PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR A STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF ICT COMPONENT

IDA Credit 3588-UG

Contract Ref: UCC/4005/Consult/04

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

1. This Request for Expressions of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in United Nations Development Business No.575 of January 31, 2002.
2. The Government of the Republic of Uganda has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Energy for Rural Transformation Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for the provision of consultancy services for a study on the impact of the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) component of the Energy for Rural Transformation (ERT) Project.
3. The main objective of this consultancy is to assess how ICT impacted target beneficiaries and whether it contributed to national goals of improving income and quality of life of the country's poor, and led to sustainable development of ICT sector and mainstreaming in the key sectors including health, agriculture, education, water, and small-and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs). More specifically the evaluation shall aim to:
 - assess the level of achievement of the ICT component objectives and how it has impacted upon the target beneficiaries;
 - assess the contribution of the ICT component to the development of the ICT sector in general, and target sectors mentioned above;
 - assess the contribution of the ICT component to national development objectives of improved ability of the poor to increase their income and improve their quality of life;
 - identify ways and means of making ICT services more relevant to local information and communications needs; and
 - identify priority gaps in infrastructure and services under the current arrangement and make specific proposals for addressing such gaps.
4. The consultancy is scheduled to be completed within six (6) calendar months from the date of signing the agreement between the client and the consultant.
5. The Government of the Republic of Uganda, represented by the Uganda Communications Commission, now invites eligible consultants to indicate their

interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide information 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). The consultancy service company should be specialised and have relevant experience in designing, conducting, analysing data, and presentation of surveys on a national scale in socio-economic development, preferably in the area of ICT. They should be able to provide a strong on the ground network to facilitate information gathering.

6. The following functions should be covered by project personnel: Data Collection Planning, Field Management, Data Collection, Data Management, Data Entry, Project Management, and Quality Assurance. An adequate number of experts who can facilitate and conduct surveys as well as analyse and report on survey data must be proposed by the Consultant. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.
7. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: *Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers, January 1997 (revised September 1997 and January 1999)* and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the guidelines.
8. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 09.00 to 17.00 hours each working day.
9. Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below on or before 10.00am local time on August 28, 2008 either as hard or electronic copies.

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