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Rwanda Information Society Authority (RISA)  
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## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

### **RWANDA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT**

**Project ID: 173373**

**Assignment Title: Technical assistance to develop a National Innovation Systems Strategy and Implementation plan and the 5- year Smart Rwanda Master Plan II**

**Reference N°: To be generated by eProcurement System**

The Government of Rwanda has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the RWANDA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include Technical assistance to develop a National Innovation Systems Strategy and Implementation plan and the 5- year Smart Rwanda Master Plan II with estimated level of effort of 24 staff-weeks for a period of 180 days.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

**Rwanda Information Society Authority (RISA)** now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: The consulting firm should have at least performed 5 assignments in consulting services as general experience, at least three relevant or specific performed consulting services similar to the assignment, the technical and managerial capability of the firm (Provide only the structure of the firm, general qualifications, experience and number of key staff. Do not provide CV of staff at this stage.

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The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected and all partners must be registered in eProcurement System for Rwanda.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained through eProcurement System at any time before deadline of submission of expression of interests.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form through eProcurement System for Rwanda at ([www.umucyo.gov.rw](http://www.umucyo.gov.rw)) not later than 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 10:30 local time and shall be opened through the eProcurement System on the same date at 11:00 local time.

**Note:** For interested consultants who are not yet registered, please apply first for digital certificate on [www.govca.rw](http://www.govca.rw) and then register your business on [www.umucyo.gov.rw](http://www.umucyo.gov.rw) (eProcurement system for Rwanda) through supplier registration, in order to submit your proposal.

Sincerely,

**Innocent B MUHIZI**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Rwanda Information Society Authority**

