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

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

RWANDA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT

Project ID: 173373

Assignment Title: Technical Assistance (TA) to Develop an Early-Stage Financing Mechanism for Innovative Technology Startups

Reference N°: To be generated by eProcurement System

The Government of Rwanda has received financing from the World Bank towards 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 an early-stage financing mechanism for innovative technology startups with estimated level of effort of 2 staff-months for a period of 12 weeks.

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.

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The shortlisting criteria are:

- Relevant Firm Experience: Performed at least three relevant/ specific services in the private capital and technology industry similar to the assignment in emerging markets
- Firm's qualifications and experience: Technical and managerial capability and experience of the team in the private equity and venture capital industry and the technology industry
- Emerging market experience: Firm and team experience in an emerging market context and in Africa
- Knowledge of and experience in the East African and African technology ecosystem

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.

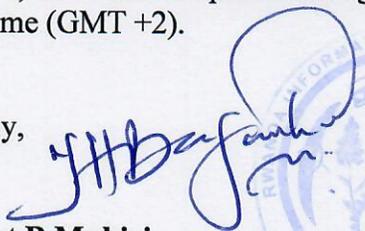
Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected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

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification 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) not later than 22nd September 2021 at 10:30 a.m Kigali time (GMT +2) and shall be opened through the eProcurement System on the same date at 11:00 a.m Kigali time (GMT +2).

Sincerely,


Innocent B Muhizi
Chief Executive Officer
Rwanda Information Society Authority (RISA)



ANNEX I: Detailed EOI Format (STRUCTURED QUESTIONNAIRE)

1. General details of Firm

Name of the firm	
Registered Address	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Name of the Contact Person for this EoI:	
Phone number of the Contact Person for this EoI	
Email of the Contact person for this EoI	
Branch offices if any	

2. Key Staff Brief Profile***

Name	Position	Years of experience relevant to the assignment (reference to prior work that best illustrates the capacity	Qualification/s or Experience relevant to the assignment (Please provide a brief description of the qualifications / experience)	Number of years associated with the firm

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*** Detailed CVs can be provided separately

3. Relevant Assignments – Last five years

Using the format below, provide information on EACH referenced assignment

Assignment Name:		Country:	
Location within Country:		Professional Staff Provided by Your Firm:	
Name of Client (if confidential, provide a short description of type of firm / industry):		No of Staff:	
Address:		No of Staff Months:	
Start Date (Month/Year):	Completion Date (Month/Year):	Approx. Value of Services (in USD or EURO):	
Name of Associated Firm(s), if any:			
Name of Senior Staff (Project Director/Coordinator, Team Leader) involved and functions performed:			
Brief Narrative of Project:			
Description of Actual Services Provided by Your Staff:			

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