

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Republic of Armenia

Tax Administration Modernization Project

CREDIT NUMBER: 5114-AM

Procurement of IT Equipment for Data Processing Center and Disaster Recovery and Equipment for Local Network Capability Enhancement

ICB No: TAMP- G-1.4

1. The *Republic of Armenia* has received a financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Tax Administration Modernization Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the Contract for **Procurement of IT Equipment for Data Processing Center and Disaster Recovery and Equipment for Local Network Capability Enhancement**

2. The State Revenue Committee (SRC) and the Foreign Financing Projects Management Center of the Ministry of Finance of the RA now invite sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of IT Equipment for Data Processing Center and Disaster Recovery and Equipment for Local Network Capability Enhancement. Mainly:

High Density Servers (6 units); Low Density Servers (27 units); UPS equipment (2 unit); APC Symmetra PX All-In-One or significantly equivalent (2 units); Tape backup device (2 units); Three Phase Diesel generators (2 units); Exadata Database machine (2 units); Manageable switches (16 units); Routers (4 units); Fiber-optic switches (4 units); Storage devices (2 units) with 48 TB capacity; Large manageable switches (50 units); Small manageable switches (58 units); Network management software packages (1 unit); Central routers (4 units); IPSec routers (54 units); Equipment and materials for network cabling; Network management solution (1 unit).

Qualifications requirements include:

(a) Financial Capability

The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence that it meets the following financial requirement(s):

- **Annual turnover in any two (2) out of the last three (3) years should be two (2) times to bid value.**
- **The Bidders shall provide his financial statements for last three (3) years.**

(b) Experience and Technical Capacity

The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that it meets the following experience requirement(s):

- **Min five (5) years' experience in supplying and/ or manufacturing and installing of server and networking equipment.**
- **Min one (1) successfully implemented contract with similar value and nature in the last five (5) years specifying the purchaser, contract price and supplied goods and services.**

- **A Bidder shall present the documents to confirm availability of appropriately qualified staff to ensure implementation and technical support (copies of CVs and certificates).**
- (c) The Bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that the Goods it offers meet the following usage requirement:
- **Provide benchmark analysis/reports and performance documentation that the goods offered are equivalent or exceed the technical requirement contained in the Technical Specification section**
 - **Ensure that the goods are new and have been already in the markets for a while and will not be replaced by new/upcoming technologies making them obsolete.**

A margin of preference for certain goods manufactured domestically *shall not* be applied. Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated in January 2011*, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from **Foreign Financing Projects Management Center of the Ministry of Finance of the RoA** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 09.00 to 18.00 of local time.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in *English* may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable 50 USD or equivalent in any other freely convertible currency. The method of payment will be a transfer of the indicated amount to the FFPMC account number specified below. The hard copy of the Bidding Documents will be handed over to the Bidder's representative. In addition to the hard copies the document will be sent by e-mail upon request. If there is a discrepancy between hard copy and electronic, hard copy will prevail.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 26 February 2014, at 15:00 (local time). Electronic bidding will *not* be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person or on-line at the address below at 15:00 (local time) on 26 February 2014. All bids must be accompanied by a *Bid Security* for **110000 USD** or an equivalent amount in freely convertible currency.

7. The address referred to above is:

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