



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Finance
Internal Resources Division
National Board of Revenue
VAT and SD Act, 2012 Implementation (VAT Online) Project

Invitation for Tenders (IFT)-First Stage
for
Procurement of
Tax System and IT Infrastructure

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1. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) serves as the implementing agency of the VAT Online Project and now invites sealed tender from eligible Tenderers for providing **software, hardware, networking and support services** to automate the VAT management system of Bangladesh including requirement study, customization, installation, testing, implementation, integration with other systems, integration with other components of the project, incorporation in the system of corresponding changes in law, rules etc., migration of data from existing VAT systems, training, support service, maintenance and up-gradation from time to time.
2. Tender will be conducted using the **International Competitive Tender (ICT)** procedures of Government of Bangladesh (GOB) and is open to all Tenderers eligible, that meet the minimum qualification criteria viz. (i) years of general experience; (ii) reference of similar sites in terms of supporting VAT and Tax; (iii) specific experience as supplier in satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods with a minimum value; (iv) average annual turnover; (v) present liquid assets and/or line of credit, net of current commitments; (vi) local agent of proven experience in providing warranty and post warranty support services and (vii) the technical requirements for procurement of Tax System and IT Infrastructure as detailed in the Tender Document.
3. Interested eligible Tenderers may obtain further information if needed to collect Tender Documents from **Dr. Md. Abdur Rouf**, Deputy Project Director, VAT Online Project, IDEB Bhaban (7th Floor), 160/A Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh, (Telephone: 00 88 02 8322065; Fax: 00 88 02 9348514; e-mail: roufcus@yahoo.com; from 09:00 to 17:00 hours of Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) on all working days.

4. A complete set of Tender Documents in *English* may be purchased by interested Tenderers on submission of a written application to **Dr. Md. Abdur Rouf**, Deputy Project Director, VAT Online Project, IDEB Bhaban (7th Floor), 160/A Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Bangladesh Taka Currency (BDT) **Ten Thousand (10,000/00)** only. The method of payment will be **Pay Order** from any Scheduled Bank of Bangladesh. The Tender Documents can be collected by the Tenderers or a person duly authorized by the Tenderer in their Letter-head pad. A **pre-Tender meeting**, which potential Tenderers or their duly authorized representatives may attend, will be held on **22 December, 2014 at 11:00 AM (BST)** at the Project Office.
5. A Two Stage Tendering Method (**TSTM**) will be used which will proceed as follows:
 - (i) The **First Stage Tender** will consist of a technical tender only, without any reference to prices, but including a list of any deviations to the technical and commercial conditions set forth in the Tender Documents and/or adding any alternative technical solutions a Tenderer wishes to offer, and a justification therefor, always provided that such deviations or alternative solutions do not change the essential requirements specified in the Tender Documents. Following the evaluation of First Stage Tenders, a Tenderer that adequately meets the minimum acceptable qualification criteria and has submitted a sufficiently technically responsive tender may be invited to attend a clarification meeting(s), during which the Tenderer's Tender will be reviewed. Any required tender-specific changes, additions, deletions and other adjustments will be noted and recorded in a memorandum, or, if amendments are of a general nature, will be promulgated via an addendum to the Tender Documents. Tenderers may not be invited to submit Second Stage Tenders, if their First Stage Tenders contain departures from the requirements in such numbers or of such nature that making the tenders fully responsive in the remaining time for the two-stage process cannot reasonably be expected. All other suitably qualified and eligible Tenderers, however, shall receive invitations to submit Second Stage Tenders.
 - (ii) The **Second Stage Tenders** will consist of: (i), the updated technical tender incorporating all changes required as recorded in the tenderer-specific memorandum, and/or as necessary to reflect any Addenda to the Tender Documents issued subsequent to the First Tendering-Stage; and (ii), the commercial tender.
6. **First Stage Tenders** must be delivered to the address below at or before **2:00 PM on 19 January, 2015**. Late tenders will be rejected. First Stage Tenders will be opened in presence of the Tenderers or their authorized representatives who choose to attend at the Project Conference Room, IDEB Bhaban (7th Floor), 160/A Kakrail, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh at **3:00 PM on 19 January, 2015**.

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