



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

**(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**UGANDA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT – GOVERNMENT NETWORK (UDAP-GOVNET)**

**PROJECT ID: P171305**

**LOAN/CREDIT NO: 6898-UG**

**Procurement Reference No. NITAU/UDAP/CONS/23-24/00016**

**ASSIGNMENT TITLE: CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CYBER SECURITY STANDARD AND CERTIFICATION FRAMEWORK FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SMES)**

The Government of the Republic of Uganda represented by the National Information Technology Authority, Uganda (NITA-U) has received a loan of US\$ 200m from the World Bank towards the Uganda Digital Acceleration Project – Government Network (UDAP-GovNet) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payment of Consulting Services to be procured under this project the **Consultancy services for the Development of a Cyber Security Standard and Certification Framework for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**.

The Consultant will have the overall responsibility of the development of a customized cyber security standard and certification framework that cater specifically to the unique needs, resources, and constraints of SMEs. The duration of the assignment will be **ten (10) months** from the date of signing of the contract.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at <https://www.nita.go.ug>

The National (NITA-) now invites eligible Consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide sufficient information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria for the firm’s capability and experience are:

The Consultant is expected to have the following core competencies:

1. The firm shall be required to provide a profile that includes a structure of the organization, general qualifications and number of overall key staffing available with the firm to undertake the tasks to demonstrate technical and managerial capacity.
2. The firm must demonstrate previous experience in information security consulting and advisory. The firm should be able to demonstrate their ability to develop and tailor national level cybersecurity standards or frameworks to specific target audiences and industries in at least 5 (five) assignments of similar type, scope and nature. Consulting firms should present documentary evidence details of these similar assignments and must include at the minimum signed letters of completion from the clients, scope and proof of certification (including start and finish dates).
3. The consultants must demonstrate ability to field a team of experts with required qualifications and experience for the assignment; Team Leader, Cybersecurity Experts, ICT Standard Expert, Digital Transformation Expert. The team of experts should include local experts due to the heavy workload in-country and nature of assignment. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage (Please do not submit CVs and bio data of experts).
4. The consulting firm shall possess a valid ISO 9001 Quality Management Certificate (obtained before publication of this consultancy) to provide assurance that firm has a tested quality approach to their work.
5. Consulting Firms may associate with other firms of a Joint Venture (JV) or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

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" revised September 2023 (Procurement in Investment Project Financing: Goods, Works, Non-consulting and Consulting Services), setting forth the World Bank's policy on Conflict of Interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications in the form of Joint Venture and/or Lead/Sub-consultancy. Consultants shall indicate whether the association is a Joint Venture and/or Sub-consultancy. 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers revised September 2023.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (Monday to Friday, 0800 hours to 1700hours, except on Public holidays).

Expressions of Interest in English (one Original plus two copies), must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by email) on or by 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 11:00am clearly marked "Procurement Reference No. NITAU/UDAP/CONS/23-24/00016

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**The Procuring and Disposing Entity shall conduct an opening of Expressions of Interests on 15th March 2024 at 11:05am at address below:**

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**Any form of canvassing or lobbying for the tender shall lead to automatic disqualification.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**