

# **Section I. Invitation for Bids**

## **Invitation for Bids**

### **Bank of Sierra Leone**

# **SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THE NATIONAL SWITCH PLATFORM OF SIERRA LEONE**

## **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

ISSUE DATE: 25 AUGUST 2016

### **Procurement Number BSL/BANK/2016/0001**

The Bank of Sierra Leone has allocated funds from its 2016 Capital Expenditure Budget for, supply and installation of Information Technologies and relevant services for the National switch Platform and now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of:

The main purpose of the Switching software is to provide a fully integrated payment and settlement platform for all banks in Sierra Leone; The solution will need to have online connection to multiple core banking and hosts, Bilateral, Consortiums, Credit Card Host, National Financial Switch, BSL RTGS, TPP's, MNO's and the International gateway.

Bidding is open to all national and international suppliers from eligible source countries who must satisfy the below mentioned criteria

**(a) Bidder's Financial Capability:**

**AS INDICATED IN THE BID DATA SHEET ITB 6.1(a).**

**(b) Bidder's Experience and Technical Capacity:**

**AS INDICATED IN THE BID DATA SHEET ITB 6.1(b) i, ii, iii, iv, v**

**(c) Bidder's Legal Requirements**

The Bidder shall be legally registered in its country of origin.

**(d) Minimum required experience of proposed staff :**

**AS INDICATED IN THE BID DATA SHEET ITB 6.1(d) i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, vii**

Key persons must meet the following minimum requirements:

- a. Ten years in the payment systems industry, with the last five years in the particular specialist area;
- b. The last three years of industry experience in a management/team leadership capacity;
- c. The project manager nominated by the bidder should have at least ten years' relevant industry experience, the last five of which should have included project management responsibility for staff over extended periods involving the development, implementation, operation and support of payment card processing and switching installations.

In the case of a Joint Venture, the financial figures for each partner shall be added together to determine the Bidder's compliance with the minimum qualification criteria for financial and technical capability. However, for a Joint Venture to qualify, each of its partner must meet at least 25 percent of the minimum criteria for financial capability and the partner in charge at least 40 percent.

Regarding experience and technical capability, each Joint Venture member must by itself have completed at least 1 (one) successful contract involving the exercise of the skills for which it has been included in the Joint Venture, preferably concerning supply, implementation and support of national or private sector multi-bank card payment switches, of similar functional/technical characteristics and of a comparable scale.

Failure to comply with these requirements shall result in rejection of the Joint Venture's bid. Subcontractors' experience and resources shall not be taken into consideration.

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bid document at the address below between 12.00- 16.00 Freetown Time (Tuesday to Friday). Bidding documents may be purchased upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Le 750,000.00 ( Seven hundred and fifty thousand Leones) or equivalent in a freely convertible currency. International bidders downloading the document through the various websites ([www.bsl.gov.sl](http://www.bsl.gov.sl) and the world Bank) must ensure that payment for the bidding documents is done during bid submission.

Failure to conform to this may result in the bid rejected.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 14.15 P.M Freetown Time. All bids must be accompanied by:

- bid security of 2% of the Financial proposal;
- all documentary evidences required in relation to Bidder's Financial capability, Bidder's experience and Technical Capacity and required experience of proposed staff

Bids will be opened on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 14.30 P.M Freetown Time, in the presence of bidders/ representatives who chose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected and returned unopened to bidders.

Bank of Sierra Leone  
30 Siaka Stevens Street;  
Freetown  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Main Bank Building  
Procurement Unit;  
e-mail:dkamara@bsl.gov.sl