

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>GHANA</b>
<b>NAME OF PROJECT</b>	<b>GHANA DIGITAL ACCELERATION PROJECT (P176126)</b>
<b>CREDIT NO</b>	<b>IDA-70960-GH</b>
<b>ASSIGNMENT TITLE</b>	<b>CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENCIES FOR PERFORMANCE-BASED CONDITIONS</b>
<b>REFERENCE NO.</b>	<b>GH-MOC--286509-CS-QCBS</b>

The **Ministry of Communications and Digitalisation** has received Credit from the World Bank toward the cost of the Ghana Digital Acceleration Project (GDAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consultancy Services for Independent Verification Agencies for Performance Based Conditions.

## **Objective of the Assignment**

The objective of this assignment is to verify the baselines and achievements of PBCs in accordance with specific verification protocols as approved by the World Bank.

## **Scope of the Services**

The Consultant's tasks will include, but will not be limited to the following:

- (i) Conduct verification activities related to the achievement of results by MoCD for PBC 1 and PBC 2 in a timely manner in accordance with the verification protocol approved by the World Bank.
- (ii) Develop a detailed methodology for assessing the baselines and results against each PBC, based on the verification protocol and guidance described in the Project Appraisal Document (PAD), Financing Agreement (FA), and in the Project Implementation Manual (PIM). The methodology will be presented to and require the World Bank's approval in writing.
- (iii) Verify the baselines of each PBC indicator in accordance with the developed and approved verification methodology above.

**The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: [www.moc.gov.gh](http://www.moc.gov.gh)**

The **Ministry of Communications and Digitalisation** 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

## 1. Firm Qualifications

The IVA will be a consulting firm or consortium of firms with diversified technical competencies including, but not limited to, management consultancy services, monitoring and evaluation, and institutional performance assessment.

The IVA shall have the following qualifications and experience:

- (i) Demonstrated knowledge, understanding, and experience with performance based or disbursement linked indicator mechanisms. Knowledge of Investment Project Financing (IPF) with Performance Based Conditions (PBCs) modality preferred.
- (ii) Proven experience of independent verification of results or performance assessment of government agencies or large private sector firms within the last eight (8) years.
- (iii) The IVA shall present at least two references to prove possession of each of the above qualifications and experience.

**Reporting and Coordination:** The consultant will report directly to the Contact Person at the Ghana Data Protection Commission and collaborate closely with relevant stakeholders throughout the project.

**Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.**

The attention of interested Consulting firms is drawn to the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment on paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations.

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 and/or a 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's Qualification and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0900 hours to 1600 hours GMT or through [pcu.gdap@moc.gov.gh](mailto:pcu.gdap@moc.gov.gh)

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form in **one original and four copies** to the address below (in person, by mail or by e-mail) by 1600 hours GMT on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. Envelopes must be marked "CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENCIES FOR PERFORMANCE BASED CONDITIONS. **Expression of Interest submitted in hard copies must be accompanied by a soft copy on a USB drive.**

Address – For Submission of Expressions of Interest:

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