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THE DIGITAL MALAWI PROGRAM PHASE I DIGITAL FOUNDATIONS PROJECT

PROJECT NUMBER: **P160533** IDA CREDIT NUMBER: **TBA**
PPA NUMBER: **V0470** REF NO.: **PPPC/DIGMAP/CNS/09/08-2017**

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Individual Consultant)

Environmental and Social Management Safeguard Specialist (Project Advisor)

1) Background

The Government of the Republic of Malawi recognizes the critical role that ICT plays in fostering socio-economic development and empowering the poor, therefore has secured a loan from the World Bank to implement a new ICT Project “**Digital Malawi Program Phase I: Digital foundations Project**”. The implementation agency for the project is Public Private Partnership Commission (PPPC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology represented by the Department of E-Government.

The overall aim of Digital Malawi project is to improve communication between government offices, improve ICT governance, improve access to government information and services, and reduce infrastructure costs by providing reliable, fast and adaptive ICT infrastructure and ICT systems as well as enabling environment that will facilitate provision of e-services. Some of project activities may require tree cutting for aerial installation or trenching for underground installation of cable. In some cases small pieces of land may be required to install towers, plant repeater stations and other telecom network equipment.

Taking into account potential impacts of the project and with due regard to World Bank environmental management and social safeguards policies, the proposed project will likely be assigned a Category B. The safeguards policies triggered are OP/BP 4.01 (Environmental Assessment) and OP/BP4.12 (Involuntary Settlements). Safeguards instruments, namely: an Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) will be prepared before commencement of the Project. It is anticipated that World Bank safeguards will only be triggered in circumstances in which the IDA directly funds infrastructure as opposed to purchases services from infrastructure owners.

The Government intends to use part of the loan proceeds *to recruit an Environmental and Social Management Safeguard Specialist to work with the project as an advisor on environmental management and social safeguards policies aspects as required by the World Bank and Malawi Government environmental Policies.*

2) Objective of the Consultancy

The objective of the services is to provide outsourced environmental and social management support to the Public Private Partnership Commission throughout the project cycle of the Digital Malawi Project. The assignment will be implemented under a Task Order arrangement.

3) Scope of Services

The consultant will ensure that any construction works under the Project are in compliance to the ESMF, RPF, ESMP or ESIA, CEMP and RAP while further ensuring compliance to the relevant local environmental and social management laws.

The Safeguards Specialist / Advisor shall carry out tasks under the safeguards framework including the following:

- a) Prepare the project brief(s) for Digital Malawi Project for submission to Environmental Affairs Department.
- b) Provide assistance to the Digital Malawi Project in screening project activities and assigning them appropriate environmental categories;
- c) Visit project sites to assess baseline conditions and potential site-specific impacts;
- d) Identify potential environmental and social risks and quantify the potential magnitude of impact.
- e) Advise on anticipated environmental and social impacts and possible mitigation measures, and on the relevant type of environmental and social review to be undertaken and documentation to be prepared (e.g. sub-project specific Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, Environmental and Social

Detailed TORs are available on the PPPC website www.pppc.mw. The ToRs can also be sent by e-mail upon request from the e-mail address indicated below. The estimated level of effort is 120 man days over a period of three (3) years.

4) Qualification and experience of the Consultant:

This assignment will be carried out by an individual consultant. The consultant will have both the skill and experience necessary to undertake the range of tasks set out in the terms of reference. He/she must be personally available to do the work as and when required for a period of three years.

The consultant should have the following minimum qualifications and experience:

- a) University degree in a relevant field (e.g. environment; civil engineering; natural science; etc., with demonstrated interest and experience in environmental management and environmental sustainability). Those with a Masters degree in an Environmental Management related field will have an added advantage;
- b) Demonstrable project management capability and experience at various levels of environmental management activities;

- c) Demonstrable experience in providing environmental and social management support to large scale development partner funded infrastructure projects;
- d) Demonstrable experience in preparation and management of Environmental and Social Impact Assessments, Environmental Management Plans, Environmental Monitoring Plans, Resettlement Action Plans, Construction Environmental Management Plans and other environmental and social management documentation;

The consultant should have at least 10 years of relevant experience and of working with World Bank funded projects covering the above areas.

5) Invitations for Expression of Interest

The PPPC now invites eligible Individual Consultants to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information (CVs) demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14 of The World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Procurement Regulations) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (*Procurement in investment Project Financing: Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services*) dated July 2016, Section VII (Approved Selection Methods: Consulting Services) under the Individual Consultant Selection (INDV) method

6) Submission of Expression of Interest

Written expressions of interest (with CVs) clearly marked "**Project Environmental and Social Management Safeguard Specialist EOF**" must be delivered through electronic mail or in person or mail or fax to the address below on or before 2:00pm local time on Tuesday 29th August, 2017.

The address referred to above is:

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