

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)
Procurement of Independent Third Party IT Security Assessment Services

National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from the consultant firms for Independent Third party IT Security Assessment Services, who are on Active Taxpayers List of the Federal Board of Revenue for at least 5 years for the services of conducting Independent third party IT Security Assessment services. Method of selection will be Quality and Cost Based Selection of PCSR, 2010. The Objective of the assessment services is Vulnerability Assessment of Critical Systems and Efficacy of Transaction Monitoring Systems. Consulting firms must fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

Bidder should have office/presence and provide support in at least one out of the three major cities of Pakistan (viz Karachi, Lahore, Islamabad).
Bidder should possess at least 3 years' experience in the field of providing IT security risk assessment, vulnerability assessment and penetration testing services (local/international). In case of joint venture, the experience of joint venture partner will also be considered in this regard.
Bidder should provide audited Profit & Loss (Income Statement) showing Sale volume of company of at least Rs. 20 Million in each last 2 years. In case if audited statement is not available for last year then Bidder should provide letter from company's CFO or senior management staff confirming that Sale Volume of company is at least Rs. 20 Million in last year.
Bidder should provide an undertaking on legal stamp paper stating that "the bidder's company is not blacklisted by any Government entity in Pakistan for unsatisfactory past performance, corrupt, fraudulent or any other unethical business practices and also not involved in any kind of lawsuits with the bank either current or pending."
Bidders company/joint venture partner (3rd party assessor) should have a team of at least 03 certified personnel in IT security risk assessment, vulnerability assessment and penetration testing services. Bidder should propose a team having relevant certifications like Ethical Hacking, CISSP, CISA, ISO 27001 or equivalent information security certifications and also having experience of executing similar assignments. CVs/Resumes along with professional certificates shall be submitted.
Bidder should provide undertaking that they have experience of providing IT security risk assessment, vulnerability assessment and penetration testing services and support to different reputed organizations in financial sector locally/internationally. Bidder should also provide reference letters/purchase/work orders of at least three (03) similar nature assignments.
Bidder should not be already engaged for any assignment which by its nature be in conflict with another assignment at the bank. If a consultant has been engaged to provide goods or works for any NBP's project, it shall not be eligible to provide consultancy services for the same project. Bidder/joint venture partner should provide a list of services for which they are engaged with NBP for similar nature projects and other assignments, if any, in order to establish the conflict of interest element. If any conflict found, the bank reserves the right to disqualify the bidder.

Expression of Interest shall be submitted in two separate envelopes, one marked ORIGINAL and one marked COPY, meeting the above criteria, must reach at the below mentioned address on or before May 17, 2016 by 11:00 AM. The expression will be opened the same day at 11:30 AM. Shortlisted firms who will qualify the above mentioned criteria will be contacted for submission of Technical and Financial Proposal.

NBP also reserves the right to cancel this invitation at any stage. This advertisement is also available on NBP (www.nbp.com.pk) and PPRA (www.ppra.org.pk) websites.

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