

# SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

## Request for Bids

(Without Prequalification)

**Name of Purchaser :** Ministry of Finance  
**Name of Project :** Ghana Financial Sector Development Project  
**Contract Title :** Procurement of ARB Apex Bank's Data Centre Converged Infrastructure System.  
**Name of Country :** Republic of Ghana  
**Project ID Number :** P161787  
**IFB Number :** MoF/FSDP/GDS-16  
**Issuing date of the IFB:** November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019

1. The Government of Ghana has received Credit from the International Development Association toward the cost of the Financial Sector Development Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Procurement of ARB Apex Bank's Data Centre Converged Infrastructure System**. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing.
2. The ARB Apex Bank serves as the Implementing Agency for the Project under the Ministry of Finance and through the Project Secretariat now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the **Procurement of ARB Apex Bank's Data Centre Converged Infrastructure System**.
3. Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive Procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers -" ("Procurement Regulations"), July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
4. Qualification requirements for Bidders are:
5. Bidder must meet the following minimum qualification criteria: **Strong and proven experience in developing, implementing similar systems**, have completed two (2) successful contracts **in the last five (5) years and strong financial standing**.
6. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Project Coordinator, Project Secretariat and inspect the bidding documents at the address (1) given below from **9:00 to 16:30 hours GMT from Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.
7. Details of qualification requirement can be found at the Technical requirement, Section VII.

## Description of contract

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Bid Security (US\$)	Location	Delivery Period (Months)
1.	Computer Servers with RedHat Linux OS.	4	<b>36,000.00</b>	<b>Greater Accra</b>	<b>Six (6)Weeks</b>
2.	Fabric Interconnects	2			
3.	Network Switches	3			
4.	SAN Switches	3			
5.	Storage Nodes/Arrays pre-populated with drives (Minimum 120TB per node).	3			
6.	Centralized Converged Infrastructure Management Solution Software.	1			
7.	Rack and Accessories.	2			
8.	All required cabling adopters, network interface cards, transceivers and software licenses.	Various			
9.	Implementation of the Converged Infrastructure Solution at the main site and DR site.				

8. A complete set of bidding documents in English **may be purchased by** interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address (1) below and upon payment of nonrefundable fee of **Five Hundred Ghana (GHS500.00) or US\$100.00 (One Hundred United States Dollars)**. Payment may be made in **Ghana Cedis or a Convertible Currency/Cashier's Cheque or Direct Deposit to specified account number**. The document will be sent by Courier Service on Bidders' request. **Courier service will attract additional cost of US\$100.00.**
9. Bids must be delivered to the address (2) below at or before 11:00 GMT on **Friday, January 3, 2020**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address (2) below at 11:15 GMT on **Friday, January 3, 2020**.
10. A Bid Security must accompany all Bids. **The amount of Bid Security required is US\$36,000.00 or equivalent in Ghana Cedis** and must be valid for 178 days after bid opening date.
11. The attention of prospective Bidders is drawn to (i) the fact that they will be required to certify in their bids that all software is either covered by a valid license or was produced by the Bidder and (ii) that violations are considered fraud, which can result in ineligibility to be awarded World Bank-financed contracts.

12. The addresses referred to above are:

**Address (1) For Purchase and Clarification:**

The Procurement Specialist,  
Project Secretariat,  
Conference Room No.112, First (1st Floor),  
Ministry of Finance (New Block, Head Office),  
Email: [fsdp@mofep.gov.gh](mailto:fsdp@mofep.gov.gh)  
Telephone number: +233 (0) 202099012:

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**Address (2) For Bid Submission:**

Ministry of Finance,  
Financial Sector Development Project,  
Project Secretariat,  
First Floor (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), Room, No.112,  
Ministry of Finance (New Block, Head Office),  
Near Independence Square,

Accra, Ghana

Location: Finance Drive, Ministries-Accra

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