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Iraq National Retail Payment Systems Infrastructure

The Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) wishes to implement a national Retail Payment Systems Infrastructure including a National EFTPOS / ATM Switch and an Iraq Interoperable Mobile Payment System. CBI intends to commence implementation of the national Retail Payment Systems Infrastructure (RPSI) through a bidding exercise which will lead to the winning Bidder being granted a License to Build and Operate the RPSI on a vendor-financed basis.

The RPSI will be tendered as a single integrated solution including:

- (a) Overall integration of the RPSI systems;
- (b) Software and infrastructure for the Iraq Interoperable Mobile Payment System;
- (c) Software and infrastructure for the National EFTPOS / ATM Switch;
- (d) Integration with the Iraq Payment System (IPS) clearing and settlement facilities consisting of the Check-enabled Automated Clearing House (CACH), the Real-time Gross Settlement System (RTGS) and the Central Securities Depository;
- (e) Integration with the Participant Banks, Mobile Network Operators (MNO) and the existing EFTPOS/ATM Switching and Mobile Financial Services Systems (including but not limited to existing Bank Front End Processors (FEPs), the AMWAL System and the QI System (International Smart Card Company).

Goods to be provided under the RPSI will include very high availability hardware and equipment including Disaster Recovery equipment. Software to be procured will include all components required to deliver the systems listed above and to integrate with RPSI Participant Banks, Mobile Network Operators (MNO) and identity databases as and when such systems emerge. Existing communications services such as the Iraq Inter-Bank Network (IIBN) will be used for inter-institution communications. Funding and services will be required for project management, consultancy, installation, integration, customization, testing, commissioning, documentation and training.

Qualification of vendors will be conducted through procedures as specified in the Instructions for Government Contract Execution no 1 (2008). Participation is open to all invited Bidders as defined in the Request for Proposal. As it is expected that no one company is likely to be able to offer all the software and services to be provided, it is expected that groups of the invited companies will form bidding consortia. Eligibility of consortia will be assessed mainly on the basis of experience in the domain areas (Shared interoperable EFTPOS / ATM Switching and Mobile Financial Services) and demonstrable software in these domain areas and the proven ability to run operational services.

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Down below is the time table of the project:-

Tender Stage	Due Date
Bidders' Conference	19 November 2011
Statement of Interest submitted for prequalification	11 December 2011
Invitation to tender sent to qualified Bidders	22 December 2011
Deadline for submission of questions	17 January 2012
Delivery of responses to questions	24 January 2012
Technical Proposals submitted	12 February 2012
Technical Proposals opened	13 February 2012
Initial Evaluation Completed	12 March 2012
Solution demonstrations and site visits completed	29 March 2012
Business Proposals delivered	5 April 2012
Business Proposals opened	8 April 2012
Award announced	23 April 2012