

Specific Procurement Notice

Invitation for Prequalification

Purchaser: FSM Telecommunications Cable Corporation and BwebwerikiNET Limited

Project: Pacific Regional Connectivity Program 2:FSM Connectivity Project (P130592); Pacific Regional Connectivity Program Phase 4: Kiribati Connectivity Project (P159632)

Contract title: Interim Satellite Capacity for Kosrae and South Tarawa

Country: Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of Kiribati

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ISD No: FM-FSMTCC-348215-NC-RFB / KI-MICTTD-346233-NC-RFB

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1. The National Government of the FSM and the Republic of Kiribati have each received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Connectivity Program 2: FSM Connectivity Project and the Pacific Regional Connectivity Program 4: Kiribati Connectivity Project, and they both intend to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contracts to provide for Interim Satellite Capacity for Kosrae and South Tarawa.
2. FSM Telecommunications Cable Corporation (FSMTCC) and BwebwerikiNET Limited (BNL) intend to prequalify Applicants for Providing interim satellite capacity for Kosrae and Tarawa, FM-FSMTCC-348215-NC-RFB and KI-MICTTD-346233-NC-RFB. FSMTCC and BNL are Open Access Wholesale providers who have been established to provide wholesale connectivity to the competitive retail market.
3. The two companies will jointly procure but separately contract the connectivity and are looking for main trunk capacity for delivery to service providers. The companies are also interested in the possibility of purchasing high demand point capacity for delivery to key network nodes, such as mobile base stations, and the option for individual connectivity solutions as an option for connecting individual homes and businesses.
4. FSMTCC and BNL are looking to prequalify applicants who (i) own their own satellite(s); (ii) would be able to deliver greater than 300Mbps each to Kosrae and Tarawa; and (iii) would be able to deliver services beginning from the second half of 2023. FSMTCC and BNL expect to be able to release a Request for Bid in June 2023.
5. Prequalification will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for Borrowers- Procurement in Investment Projects Financing" dated 1 July, 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Applicants as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
6. Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information from either FSMTCC or BNL websites at the addresses below. A complete set of **Prequalification** Documents in English

may be requested by interested Applicants by emailing the address below or the Project Manger mike@lott.co.nz

7. Applications for Prequalification should be emailed and delivered to the addresses below by 5pm on May 26, 2023. Applications should be copied to mike@lott.co.nz. Late applications may be rejected.

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