

### National Information and Communications Technology Authority

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## **ATTENTION CPA PROFESSIONALS!**

The National Information and Communications Technology Authority is requesting information from accounting firms and individuals with extensive experience in providing financial services to assist the Universal Access and Service (UAS) Secretariat within our esteemed organization with preparation of its financials.

#### About NICTA

NICTA is at the forefront of regulating the ICT landscape, ensuring compliance with pertinent laws, drafting regulations, and offering legal guidance on various ICT policies and dispute resolution in the ICT sector in Papua New Guinea.

The PNG Government legislated the Universal Access and Service Fund (UAS Fund) in the National Information and Communication Technology Act 2009. The UAS regime gives effect to the Government's vision of connecting the country through improved access to basic communication services. The provision of these services requires utilization of the fund to implement UAS Projects that need to be properly accounted for and reported.

#### Scope of Services

- 1. Preparation of Financial Statements for years ended 2017 2023.
- 2. Recommendations under cost accounting for projects.
- 3. Advise on the Goods and Services tax treatment.
- 4. Provide advice on the treatment of bad debt in relation to writing off the debt as per PNG Government laws.
- 5. Provide advise and recommendation for improvements to the levy recovery procedures.

#### Submission Requirements

Interested accounting firms or individual CPA practitioners are requested to submit their EOIs by 17 May 2024.

#### Submissions should include:

- 1. A cover letter expressing interest in providing financial services to NICTA.
- 2. Company Profile or resume showcasing relevant experience in ICT Finance engagements.
- Details of previous experience in providing financial services to regulatory authorities or government agencies.
- 4. Proposed approach and methodology for delivering financial services to NICTA.
- 5. Proposed fee structure and billing rates for the services offered.
- 6. Any additional information or references that demonstrate qualification and capabilities.

#### **Evaluation Criteria**

- 1. Demonstrated experience and expertise in ICT Finance affairs or similar.
- Quality and relevance of past work in providing financial services to regulatory authorities or government agencies.
- 3. Proposed approach and methodology for delivering financial services.
- 4. Clarity and reasonableness of the proposed fee structure.
- 5. Reference and client testimonials.

Submit your EOI (in three bound copies) and electronically to Mr. Jackson Kariko, Director of Corporate Services, NICTA, PO Box 8444, BOROKO 111, National Capital District, PNG, email: <u>ikariko@nicta.gov.pg</u>

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Kariko on 303 3240.

Join us shape the future of ICT regulation in Papua New Guinea. We look forward to your valuable submissions.

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