

Deadline for submission of applications for prequalification
07-Oct-2022

Local Time
17 : 00

Full Official Text of the Notice
Invitation to Apply for Initial Selection

PPP for New RMI Telecommunications Operator

Employer: Ministry of Finance, Banking and Postal Services

Project: Digital RMI

Contract title: PPP for a new RMI Telecommunications Operator

Country: Republic of the Marshall Islands

Loan No. /Credit No. / Grant No.: IDA-D8790

ISD No: MH-DIDA-300975-CW-RFP

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1. The Government of the Marshall Islands has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Digital RMI Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract for a Public-Private Partnership for a New RMI Telecommunications Operator.

2. The Ministry of Finance, Banking and Postal Services intends to initially select Applicants for a private operator to (i) operate the existing telecommunications business; (ii) upgrade the fixed and wireless telecommunications systems across RMI; (iii) transfer the upgraded long life asset business to a new Government entity which will operate as a wholesale cost-recovery only provider; and (iv) provide retail services which enhance the affordability and quality of customer service. At a high level, the Government is looking for operators with experience in at least two Pacific Island States or territories (including at least one small state or territory in the Pacific having a population of less than 150,000 people), sufficient operational size (more than 100,000 customers) and who have sufficient access to capital (at least \$US 20 million) to work with the Government in modernizing the RMI telecommunications market and to grow uptake and usage of digital services. A complete list of all criteria is contained in the Initial Selection Documents. It is expected that the final Request for Proposals will be made in November this year following feedback from initially selected applicants on Draft documents expected to be made available in October.

3. Initial Selection will be conducted through procedures specified in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible applicants as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

4. Interested eligible Applicants may obtain further information from the Division of International Development Assistance (DIDA) Ministry of Finance, Banking and Postal Services

(address below). A complete set of Initial Selection documents in English will be provided free of charge to interested Applicants on the submission of written application to the email address below. The documents will be sent by email.

5. Applications for Initial Selection should be submitted by email, delivered to the address below by 5pm October 7, 2022 (RMI time) and be clearly marked "Application for initial selection for PPP for RMI Telecommunications Operator". Late applications may be rejected.

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