



Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Assignment Title: Conducting Annual Audits for National Certification Authority (NCA) of Sri Lanka - Contract No: ICTA/GOSL/CON/QCBS/2017/15

With the rapid adoption of commercial ICT-based services by the local populace and the introduction of e-government in the country, it is expected that electronic commerce will grow substantially in the coming years.

This also raises the probability of identity theft, financial fraud and other security breaches. To counter this, the ICTA in collaboration with Sri Lanka CERT | CC and other stakeholders has initiated a project to establish a national framework which defines legal, administrative and technical regulations for granting, managing and enforcing the use of digital certificates to establish the identities of e-services users with the intention of minimizing electronic fraud.

The Electronic Transaction Act of Sri Lanka (Act No 19 of 2006) has the provisions to set up a certification authority which will act as the National Certification Authority (Root CA) of Sri Lanka.

Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) which functions under the purview of Ministry of Telecommunication and Digital Infrastructure has been designated as the Certification Authority to perform the functions of the Root Certification Authority by the gazette notification on 24th September 2013.

To enhance the operations of NCA and to make sure that certificates issued under NCA are recognized internationally, it is required to obtain the WebTrust certified seal.

ICTA intends to obtain the service of an enlisted licensed WebTrust practitioner (firm) to conduct Annual Audits for National Certification Authority (NCA) of Sri Lanka based on the "WebTrust Principles and Criteria for Certification Authorities - SSL Baseline with Network Security – Version 2.0" or latest.

ICTA now invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. EOI must include requested information as specified in the "EOI Information Form" along with documentary evidence in support of core business and years in business, Financial, Business and Administrative strength/standing, qualifications in the field of assignment, experience in carrying out assignments of a similar nature and complexity, technical and managerial organization of the firm, technical capabilities and appropriate skills of key staff of the organization and other relevant information.

The "Terms of Reference" and "EOI Information Form" documents are now available at ICTA for further information. Interested parties may download these documents from the website https://www.icta.lk/procurement/

Consultants may associate in the form joint ventures to enhance their qualifications.

Request for Proposals (RFP) shall be issued to the shortlisted consulting firms after signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA).

A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Government Guidelines: Selection & Employment of Consultants following Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method. All interested parties are informed that all documentations shall be in English Language.

Interested parties may obtain further information from Mr. Gamini Karunaratne, Director Procurement-ICTA by contacting via Phone: +94 11 2369099, Fax: +94 11 2369091 and - email: procurement@icta.lk.

Expressions of Interest including all requested information must be delivered no later than **1500 hrs on August 28, 2017** either: (i) electronically to; <u>procurement@icta.lk</u> or (ii) hand delivered or (iii) by post to the address; Director - Procurement, C/o, Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, ICTA, 2nd Floor, 160/24, Kirimandala Mawatha, Colombo 05, Sri Lanka.

Envelope containing the Expressions of Interest and subject filed of e-mail should be marked "Expressions of Interest for Conducting Annual Audits for National Certification Authority (NCA) of Sri Lanka – ICTA/GOSL/CON/QCBS/2017/15"

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