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International Request for Expressions of Interest REF. PROC & ADMIN/FRWA/0255/2021

Title: Design, Supply and Installation of BK Data Center

Introduction and Background

Bank of Kigali was incorporated in the Republic of Rwanda on December 22nd 1966 as a joint venture between the Government of Rwanda and Belgolaise, the subsidiary of Fortis Bank.

The public private partnership involved the ownership of 50% of the ordinary share capital. The bank commenced its operations in 1967, serving as one of the then market leader in banking sector.

Following Fortis Bank strategy of withdrawing its operations in Africa in 2005, the Government of Rwanda acquired the Belgolaise share in 2007, thus increasing its direct and indirect shareholding in the Bank to 100%.

In compliance with revised laws relating to private companies in Rwanda, in 2011 the Bank changed its name from Bank of Kigali S.A to Bank of Kigali Limited and to BK Group PLC in 2017 with 3 subsidiary companies namely BK General Insurance, BK TechHouse and BK Capital.

Bank of Kigali's growth over the last five decades is a true story of resilience, hard work and strong partnerships based on Rwandan values.

In line with its Mission to be the leading provider of the most innovative financial solutions in the region and its strategic innovation for growth, BK intends to set up a Conventional Data Center at the Head Office located in Kigali, a Modular Data Center at the BK Muhanga Data Recovery Center site and Provision of refurbishment works at its Head Office network room.

Considering that Data Center infrastructure is the heartbeat of any organization, BK intends to build a Tier 3 Data Center infrastructure that will have a modern facility/technology, built on the latest technology and measure up to best practices in the industry. The new infrastructure shall not only support the present computing demands, but it shall also, be capable of gracefully accommodating future and emerging computing requirements of Bank of Kigali Plc.

BK envisions that at the end of the investment period, the infrastructure would be projected into a state-of-the-art facility that is not only faster, but also highly available, disaster tolerant, and a safe place to store and run all the critical business applications of Bank of Kigali Plc.

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The purpose of this project is, therefore, to set up new Data Centers that protect resources, optimize IT productivity and resource utilization, and support growth. The proposed architecture will help to align Data Center resources with BK's business priorities.

The Data Center will help Bank of Kigali centralize control, consolidate and simplify management, increase security, gain operational efficiencies, reduce both total cost of ownership and operational costs, and speed application rollout as well as host external departments IT requirements. It will lay the foundation for emerging technologies with scalable and flexible designs.

Bank of Kigali Plc would like therefore to invite eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (company profile, description of similar assignments, examples illustrating similar projects, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, understanding BK needs, proposed approach in terms of the scope of work related to what they intend to offer as far as the following are concerned: Racks, network cabling, fibre cabling, building level cabling from service providers, redundant electrical power, precision cooling, environment controls, physical security, fire protection, etc...).

NB: The site/space for the proposed work has been identified and ready for necessary customized installation. Interested Firms are highly advised to visit the site in order to get the exact measure and idea on how they can carry out their intended task.

Interested firms may obtain further information at procurement@bk.rw or during working days' hours

(8:00 am-6:00 pm) from:

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Expression of Interest in writing must be addressed to the Chief HR & Admin Officer and delivered to the following email tender@bk.rw not later than 31st March 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the BK Procurement Policy and Procedures.

Done at Kigali, on 02nd/03/2021

For and on behalf of Bank of Kigali Plc

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