

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)
Procurement of Consultancy Services for Independent Third-Party IT Security Assessment Services Project

National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from the consultant firms for the services of Independent Third-party IT Security Assessment, who are on Active Taxpayers List of the Federal Board of Revenue for at least 5 years for the services of conducting IT Security Assessment services. Method of selection will be Quality and Cost Based Selection of PCSR, 2010.

The Objective of the assessment services is Vulnerability Assessment of Critical Systems, Penetration Testing of all layers of critical systems and Efficacy of Transaction Monitoring Systems. Consulting firms must fulfill the following eligibility criteria:

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1	Bidder's company must be on Active Taxpayers List of the Federal Board of Revenue for at least 5 years for the services of conducting IT Security Assessment services and registered with the respective provincial tax authorities. Provide copy of valid FBR's Certificate of Registration of company, Active Tax Payer status, and certificate of respective provincial tax authorities showing that company is in the business for at least last 5 years.
2	Bidder should have office/presence and provide support in at least one out of the three major cities of Pakistan (viz Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad).
3	Bidder should possess at least 3 years' experience in the field of providing IT security risk assessment, vulnerability assessment and penetration testing services (local/international). In case of joint venture, the experience of joint venture partner will also be considered in this regard.
4	Bidder should provide audited Profit & Loss (Income Statement) showing Sale volume of company of at least Rs. 10 Million in each last 2 years. In case if audited statement is not available for last year then Bidder should provide letter from company's CFO or senior management staff confirming that Sale Volume of company is at least Rs. 10 Million in last year.
5	Bidder should provide an undertaking on legal stamp paper stating, "the bidder's company is not blacklisted by any Government entity in Pakistan for unsatisfactory past performance, corrupt, fraudulent or any other unethical business practices and also not involved in any kind of lawsuits in this regards or any case pending against the bidder's company."
6	Bidders company/joint venture partner (3rd party assessor) should have a team of at least 03 certified personnel in IT security risk assessment, vulnerability assessment and penetration testing services. Bidder should propose a team having relevant certifications like Ethical Hacking, CISSP, CISA, ISO 27001 or equivalent IT Security certifications and having experience of executing similar assignments. CVs/Resumes along with professional certificates shall be submitted.
7	Bidder should provide undertaking that they have experience of providing IT security risk assessment, vulnerability assessment and penetration testing services and support to different reputed organizations in financial sector locally/internationally. Bidder should also provide reference letters/purchase/work orders of at least two (02) similar nature assignments.
8	Bidder should not be already engaged for any assignment pertaining to the development and implementation of critical systems of NBP, which by its nature be in conflict with the IT Security assessment assignment at NBP. Bidder/joint venture partner should provide a list of services for which they are engaged with NBP for similar nature projects and other assignments pertaining to development and implementation of critical systems of NBP, if any, in order to establish and avoid the conflict of interest element. If any conflict found, the bank reserves the right to disqualify the bidder.

*** Means of Verification – Documentary evidence needs to be provided.**

Expression of Interest shall be submitted in two separate envelopes, one marked ORIGINAL and one marked COPY, meeting the above criteria, must reach at the below mentioned address on or before **January 31, 2020 by 03:30 PM**. The expression will be opened the same day at **04:00 PM**. Shortlisted firms who will qualify the above-mentioned criteria will be contacted for submission of Technical and Financial Proposal.

NBP also reserves the right to cancel this invitation at any stage. This advertisement is also available on NBP (www.nbp.com.pk) and PPRA (www.ppra.org.pk) websites.

In case office remains closed for some reason / holiday, proceeding of the tender will be conducted on next working day on the same time. For more details, please contact on 99062533 and 99062966.

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