



**COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS
MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

**Consulting Firms for Implementation of Value Added tax (VAT): Acquisition of an
Integrated Tax Administration and Information System (ITAIS)**

DATE: May 13, 2013

EOI File No.: FIN/OSR/914/19

PROCUREMENT METHOD: Pre-qualification and quality and cost-based

CLOSING DATE: May 27, 2013

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

The Government of The Bahamas plans to introduce a Value Added Tax (VAT) as of July 1, 2014 as part of a fundamental reform of the tax system.

The Government is also proceeding with plans for the creation of a Central Revenue Agency (CRA) to consolidate revenue collections and maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of tax administration on the basis of international best practice. In addition to VAT, the CRA will be responsible for the administration of Real Property Tax, Business Licence Tax, Stamp Tax and Casino Tax.

Critical to the success of the CRA will be the identification and procurement of a state-of-the-art technology platform for the CRA's effective implementation and operations. To that end, EOIs are being solicited from qualified firms for the supply, installation, integration, training, technical support and implementation support of an Integrated Commercial-off-the-Shelf (COTS) Software Solution and Hardware Platform for an Integrated Tax Administration and Information System (ITAIS) to be used by the CRA for the administration of the various taxes under its purview.

EXPERIENCE, RESOURCES AND DELIVERY CAPACITY REQUIRED

Firms expressing an interest in this procurement opportunity must:

1. Be the owners of a proprietary integrated tax administration and information system that is suitable to the requirements of this contract;
2. Have demonstrated experience in delivering such a system to Governments effectively, on time and on budget;

3. Have proven capacity to install, implement and roll-out the required support of a COTS software solution over the past five years across the various components of tax administration such as taxpayer registration, returns processing, tax accounting, tax audit, collections and objections and appeals;
4. Have the availability of appropriate professionals to tailor and implement the COTS system in the Bahamian context; and
5. Have experience in developing and delivering web-based solutions.

OTHER DETAILS

Interested firms must submit appropriate proof that they meet the above core criteria, along with client reference contact information including address, telephone, and email of the reference for the same version of the proposed system software, supporting hardware, and network and communications facilities.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Interested firms are invited to submit their EOI by email and by courier along with all supporting documentation. Firms will be short-listed for the second phase of this procurement at which time detailed specifications of their proposals will be sought, along with their commercial bid.

The Ministry of Finance reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs.

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