INVITATION TO REGISTER INTEREST AS UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC CELLULAR SERVICE UNDER UBIQUITOUS PROJECT (PHASE 1)

Questions & Answers

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1	Please confirm if I can put in the drawings exactly as below for each site of Technical Proposal as Site Layout requested in 7.2 (a) Section B. For 76m, I will put: For 60m, I will put: For 45m, I will put	Yes, for the purpose of RFP submission.

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2	Q: Do the tenderers need to prepare technical report such as site survey, 360 view of the site, distance to the power supply (TNB etc.) for this project? A: Since MCMC has done a thorough study before advertising this tender, tenderers are not required to do detail site survey as the relevant information is shared in RFP. Further information will be shared with the designated tenderer once appointment has been made. Please enlighten us?	The potential location for the tower sites have been identified, surveyed and given in the RFP document along with some basic information. Details of the survey such as landowner, rent rate, LOS study, etc. will only be shared upon the designation of service provider (award). If the tenderer wishes to have further information for the purpose of preparing the RFP submission, they have the option to carry out physical site survey based on the given site list.
3	Notice of Amendment dated 7th June in Appendix 7 (Contingency Sum) Please also define?	The tenderer may propose a contingency sum should they foresee any requirement not defined in the BoQ.
4	The Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal need to be put in 1 box or in separate box?	Please refer to Item 6.11 and 6.12 of the RFP document.
5	For the island site, should be one double handling to be given a. All materials and equipments from mainland will be transferred and loading to a boat/barge. Once reach the island, all this materials and equipments need to be unloaded to island jetty or landing area. Then, we need to double handling to transfer all the materials and equipments from the jetty or landing area to the site location.	The double handling requirement is already indicated in the relevant respective BoQ.

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	Kindly advise on the above matter especially on the double handling part because it is required but it's not been mention in BOQ.	
6	Appendix 5 requires the submission of the financial and audited accounts for the last 3 year: (i) We have only audited accounts for 2013, 2014 & 2015. Can we submit these instead as 2016 is still not audited? (ii) Can we submit the copies for the audited accounts instead of the Original? (iii) Do the audited accounts need to be "Certified True Copy" if they are copies? What about for Originals? (iv) If yes, who can certify? Can a Company director do it?	 (i) Yes. (ii) Yes. (iii) Yes, the copies have to be certified. (iv) Certified by external auditor or the company secretary.
7	For the Cover letter required by the One-Off Document, is there a template and can we have it? If not, what contents are needed?	There is no template for the cover letter. The cover letter may consist any information that tenderer wishes to include.
8	In the format of submission prescribed in the tender document for the section (b) Technical Proposal for Part 2 Section B2: is it shown that for each site submission in that cluster, there must be repeat submission of the o Equipment Type, configuration & capacity o Details of supplier for materials and equipment If the above information are the same for all the sites in that particular cluster, can we submit only one (1) set of this information inside each cluster submission, instead of per site basis?	Should the tenderer wish to propose the same equipment type, configuration, capacity and supplier for all sites in a particular cluster, then the tenderer can submit one set of document for each cluster as queried.

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9	4.3 The coverage objectives for which the Work is to be carried out are as listed in Appendix 1 of this Invitation	No. The coverage objective listed in Appendix 1 is the main target coverage area. Nevertheless the expected coverage size shall be within an expected, accepted and optimum distance from each
	Are we only required to cover the coverage areas listed the coverage objectives in Appendix 1 for each site?	site, providing service to as many adjacent population as possible.
10	4.12 The completion date for Part 2 ("Part 2 Completion Date") shall be on the date determined by the Commission following services going on air Will this be the SAT date or On-Air date?	It will be a date after the acceptance test.
11	4.18 The Part 2 Designated Universal Service Provider is responsible for the planning, design, and implementation in providing the services including the interworking and integration between network elements to ensure effective service delivery to the end user.	Yes.
	The tenderer assumes that it will only be liable for the costs of integration for its side the network to the network operators. The tenderer assumes that the network operators will bear their own costs. Please confirm if this assumption is correct.	
	4.20 (v) The System under normal operation will be able to provide download throughput at a minimum of 20Mbps for any of the user in the coverage objective	The new U1 initiative seeks to achieve broadband service parity between USP and non-USP area.
12	Will this be required for all minimum 400 users stipulated in Tech Specs Clause 6.6 to be provided with 20Mbps simultaneously?	Based on the site information given in the RFP, the interested tenderer for Part 2 shall predict the traffic pattern and usage, such that, in the event any user under normal condition requires higher data throughput will be able to access it at a minimum of 20Mbps.

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13	4.21 (i) Usage of the spectrum for the provision of the Work is allowed only after the issuance of the requisite Apparatus Assignment and/or Spectrum Assignment in accordance with the Act and the Communications and Multimedia (Spectrum) Regulations 2000;	The tenderer shall use existing knowledge of the matter as basis for any costing calculation.
	As there aren't any published rates for Spectrum Assignment to date available publicly, please advice if these rates can be provided by MCMC?	
14	4.36 (viii) Apparatus Assignment for backhaul transmission and use of spectrum for 3G and 4G services through arrangement with the relevant Spectrum Assignment holders, where applicable; and As there aren't any published rates for Spectrum Assignment to date available publicly, please advice if these rates can be	The tenderer shall use existing knowledge of the matter as basis for any costing calculation.
15	provided by MCMC? 18.2 Notwithstanding item 18.1 above, the quality of public cellular services including the signal level and signal quality to be provided by the Part 2 Designated Universal Service Provider shall	Item 18 of the RFP shall be read and understood in its entirety
15	comply with the following Commission Determinations: Are these the only Commission Determinations that needs to be complied to?	from 18.1 to 18.4.
16	Tech 2.5 The Interested Licensee shall explicitly state all Base Station parameters that require mutual mobile network operator agreement in RAN sharing (as opposed to those	No. The tenderer shall specify all information based on the offered solution.

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	parameters that are independently controlled by each mobile network operator).	
	As software versions may vary between now and actual implementation, is it sufficient to only comply to this clause without having to specifically name the exact parameters at this stage?	
17	Tech 10.1 The Interested Licensee shall state the maximum transmission capacity per eNode B type. This refers to the maximum capacity from the equipment	Yes.
	perspective and not the actual backhaul transmission provided. Please confirm.	