



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AND POSTAL
SERVICES (MICT&PS)

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT (PIU)

Specific Procurement Notice

Request for Bids

Non-Consulting Services

(Two-Envelope Bidding Process)

Employer: Ministry of Information Communication Technology and Postal Services (MICT&PS)

Project: Eastern Africa Regional Digital Integration Project (EARDIP) – SOP-1

Contract title: Capex for Fibre Deployment for Route A-B

Country: South Sudan

Grant No.: E1780

RFB No: SS-MICT&PS-544330-NC-RFB

Issued on: September 10, 2026

1. The Government of South Sudan (GOSS) has received financing from the World Bank to participate in the first series of projects for the Eastern Africa Regional Digital Integration Project (EARDIP-SOP-1). The project development objective is to increase access to broadband and digital services through the development and integration of digital markets in the Eastern Africa Region.
2. Government of South Sudan (GOSS) intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Fiber Optic Network Backbone. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the World Bank's "Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing".
3. The Ministry of Information Communication Technology and Postal Services (MICT&PS) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for matching investments from EARDIP for the design, supply and owner operation of the approximately 397 km backbone terrestrial fibre optic cable (FOC) along the Juba–Nadapal road corridor (to the border with Kenya), with a minimum 17 Points of Presence (POPs) and aggregation points along the route that are designed



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to support the interconnection of commercial traffic from several major cities and communities served by Mobile network operators (MNOs) and to facilitate last-mile connectivity by MNOs and Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to a number of named public institutions (schools, health centres and governmental locations) within a 10 km radius on both sides of the corridor. The total contract duration between the commencement date and contract completion date is 12 months.

4. Key Qualification Criteria include:

Specific Experience	The Bidder shall demonstrate that it has successfully completed, or substantially completed, during the last three years, at least one of the following: • One contract for fiber optic or similar telecommunications/connectivity infrastructure with a value of not less than US\$6,000,000; or • Two similar contracts, each with a value of not less than US\$3,000,000. The contracts shall be of a nature, scale, and complexity comparable to the works required under this procurement. For each contract submitted, the Bidder shall provide documentary evidence, such as a client-issued completion or performance certificate, indicating the contract value, scope of works, completion status, and dates of execution
Average Annual Turnover	The Bidder shall demonstrate an average annual turnover from contracts of fiber-optic, telecommunications, or similar connectivity infrastructure works of at least US\$3,000,000, calculated over any three of the last five financial years. The Bidder shall submit certified financial statements, audited accounts, or other acceptable documentary evidence to substantiate the reported turnover.
Liquid Assets and/or Credit Facilities	The Bidder shall demonstrate access to liquid assets and/or confirmed lines of credit, net of other contractual commitments, of not less than US\$1,500,000. Acceptable evidence may include recent bank statements, bank certificates, or a letter from a regulated financial institution confirming the availability of the required funds or credit facilities. The evidence shall be issued no earlier than the period specified in the Bidding Documents.

- Bidding will be conducted through an international competitive tender using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016" as amended from time to time and is open to all bidders with public telecommunications services experience who are the licensed in South Sudan, as well as potential new entrants who must qualify and eligible for this competition. All bidders may collaborate with any licensed subcontractors, so long as full responsibility for meeting the requirements of this Procurement Document rests fully with the eligible prime contractor. Bidders may also form joint ventures in accordance with the rules of this Procurement Document.
- Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process set out in the procurement document. The following weightings shall apply for Rated Criteria (including technical and non-price factors): 30% and for Bid cost: 70%.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the **Senior Procurement Specialist, Ministry of Information Communication Technology and Postal Services, Project Implementation Unit (PIU)** and inspect the bidding document during office hours from **10.00 hrs to 16:00 hrs** at the address given below. The bidding document in English may be purchased by interested Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of United States Dollars three Hundred (**\$300**) or its equivalent in South Sudanese Pounds at prevailing rate. The method of payment will be by cash. The document will be sent by email to those who have paid. Bids must be delivered to



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the address below on or before **2:00pm South Sudan local time on October 26, 2026**. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. The outer Bid envelopes marked "ORIGINAL BID", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below at **2:15pm or immediately after the deadline time for bid submission on October 26, 2026**. All envelopes marked "FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Employer until the second public Bid opening.

8. All Bids must be accompanied by a ***Bid-Securing Declaration***
9. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
10. The address referred to above is:

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