



THE GOVERNMENT OF KADUNA STATE
Ministry of Education, Science and Technology
State Secretariat, Independence Way, Kaduna

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT,
OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF ICT/KNOWLEDGE CENTRES IN THE
23 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF KADUNA STATE**

1.0 BACKGROUND

Globally, ICT has become a veritable tool for advancing economic growth and diversification. Statistics show that the Nigerian ICT sector is today one of the fastest growing, despite the country's economic challenges, and the sector contributed 8.5% of GDP in 2016 alone and an average of 8.1% over the past six years.

Kaduna State is rated as one of the top three users of 3G internet in Nigeria, after Lagos and Abuja, which means the state has a huge untapped potential that can be leveraged by Government for improved service delivery to the citizenry.

Furthermore, there are enormous challenges facing SS3 students of many secondary school in the State, especially those in the rural areas which have no basic computer application training. For such schools and students, passing the mandatory CBT JAMB examinations and post-UTME screening is usually a huge challenge.

In the light of this, the Kaduna State Government has decided to partner with competent ICT firms on a Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) model for the provision, operation and maintenance of fully equipped Communication and ICT Knowledge Centres across the 23 Local Government areas on a Public Private Partnership basis. Suitable sites have been identified and earmarked for development into ICT/Knowledge Centres through the active involvement of such Private Sector partners.

2.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The successful companies will be expected to, amongst other requirements,:

1. Develop ICT buildings with minimum 300 seating capacity, based on JAMB and other standard requirements;
2. Propose a financial model whereby these facilities are developed into viable revenue sources for both the investors and the KDSG;
3. Equip, Manage, Operate and maintain these facilities to the highest standards.
4. The ICT/Knowledge Centre is conceived as a four-in-one location for: computer based testing such as JAMB & UTME; ICT training and certification such as CISCO, Microsoft & Oracle; Internet/Cyber Café and library/e-library;
5. Convert the constructed ICT centre into a Skills acquisition Centre to Empower Youths through ICT;
6. Provide an ICT Environment with a view to generating Jobs for Youth;
7. Develop a curriculum for ICT to ensure the trainees are relevant to the needs of the ICT Industry;
8. Conduct the Computer Based Test (CBT) of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) and other Computer Based Test Certification.

3.0 EOI REQUIREMENTS

The required submissions from interested investors shall include the following:

- a. Full name and Nationality (country) of incorporation of the company and a copy of Certificate of incorporation along with evidence of partnership if a consortium;
- b. Profile of company including Certified True Copies (CTCs) of all incorporation documents including resume of key technical staff with evidence of professional registration where applicable;
- c. Detailed proposal showing the mode of operation, planned curricular and Business Plan;
- d. Verifiable evidence of partnership in case of a consortium;
- e. Evidence of financial capability and proof of funds;
- f. Evidence of Tax Clearance Certificate for 2014, 2015, 2016 from the Federal Inland Revenue Services (FIRS);
- g. Evidence of registration of business premises with the Kaduna State Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism;

- h. VAT Registration and evidence of past VAT remittances;
- i. Submission of three (3) years Audited Accounts for the period 2014, 2015 and 2016;

4.0 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a. Submission of EOI: all EOIs shall be submitted not later than 29th August 2017;
- b. The EOI shall be delivered as one (1) electronic copy and six (6) paper copies clearly marked

“Expression of Interest for the Development, Management, Operation and Maintenance of ICT/Knowledge Centre in (State the LGA) Local Government of Kaduna State”.

- c. It should be addressed to:

**The Kaduna State Public Procurement Authority (KSPPA),
KSPPA ANNEX (Former State Tenders Board)
10 Yakubu Gowon Way,
Kaduna,
Kaduna state,
Nigeria.**

5.0. OPENING OF EOI

The EOI shall be opened immediately upon the close of receipt by 2.00pm at the conference room of the Kaduna State Public Procurement Authority Annex, 10, Yakubu Gowon Way, Kaduna.

6.0 FURTHER INFORMATION:

- a. All Interested applicants may obtain further information at the above address between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm from Mondays to Fridays (Except public holidays).

7.0 DISCLAIMER

- a. Only bids that meet the pre-qualification requirement and are found capable of executing the works shall be considered
- b. This advertisement shall not be construed as contract award or any commitment on the part of the Kaduna State Government or any of its Ministries by virtue of such Firms/Company having responded to this advertisement.
- c. Response to this advertisement does not oblige the Kaduna State Government or its Ministry to consider responding Firms/Company's EOI.
- d. The Kaduna State Government shall verify the claims of firms submitting bids, any false declaration/documentation will attract instant disqualification and may lead to prosecution.
- e. Late submission will be rejected
- f. Submission through e-mail or fax will not be accepted.
- g. All submissions must be made in English Language.

Signed:
Honourable Commissioner
Ministry of Education, Science and Technology,
Kaduna State