



Ministry of Health

SAMOA CONNECTIVITY (SUBMARINE CABLE) PROJECT

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM)**

Outcome 6: Improved Health Systems, Governance and Administration

TOR SP6.1:

Technical Support Team (Firm) to assist the Health Sector in Managing and Operating the eHealth Project to implement the eHealth Policy Area and Strategies.

1. The Government of Samoa (GoS) has received a grant from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of the Samoa Connectivity Project (Grant No: 0458 –SAM (SF) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services to support the implementation of the eHealth Project. It has therefore articulated the direction for eHealth in the eHealth Policy and Strategy (2017-2022) with the implicit aim to support the Ministry Of Health's (MOH) mission to regulate and provide quality, accountable and sustainable health services (Health Strategic Plan 2008 – 2018).
2. The ADB will support the GoS through the MOH and the health sector to strengthen health service delivery and system efficiency through investments in digital health, under the Samoa Submarine Cable Project (the Project). The Project will improve health information and governance through the establishment of a digital health information system (HIS) incorporated into the government's broader information, communication and technology (ICT) platform.
 - (i) The consulting services ("the Services") required a Technical Support Team (Firm) to assist the Health Sector in Managing and Operating the eHealth Project to implement the eHealth Policy Area and Strategies aim to provide assistance through the Project to support the MOH and the health sector to: design, prioritize, plan, implement and manage the digital health architecture and supporting structures (legislations, policies and capacity building) that would be most appropriate for Samoa's context.
3. The Ministry of Health now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - At least 10 years' experience in health system strengthening including HIS design, management and implementation.
 - Experience in similar works in the Pacific region.

- Experience in overseeing and implementing ICT projects in the health sector including experience in design and organization of business processes;
- Experience in health sector organization and management particularly in the WHO's Western Pacific Region relevant to Samoa
- Experience in supervision and implementation of ICT projects in the health.
- Experience in working with multiple stakeholders, including government agencies, private sector, NGOs, Development Partners and donor agencies; and
- Excellent English language skills, including ability to conduct oral presentations and to produce written reports of high quality.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph I:1.10 of the ADB Guidelines: on the Use of Consultants by ADB Grants 2015 and as amended from time to time, setting forth ADB's policy on conflict of interest.

4. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person) by **11.00am on Monday 12th June, 2017** (local time).

The Secretary
Tenders Board of Samoa
Level 4
Central Bank of Samoa Building
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5. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection ("QCBS") method set out in the "Use of Consultants Guidelines".
6. The detailed Terms of Reference ("TOR") can be obtained from the Ministry of Health directly or downloaded from the MOH's website – www.health.gov.ws. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.

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