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Ministério dos Transportes, Telecomunicações e da Economia Digital (MTTED)
West Africa Regional Digital Integration Program Guinea-Bissau



Specific Procurement Notice



Public Invitation to Early Market Engagement Session Works and Operation Service (Design, Build and Operate)

Employer: West Africa Regional Digital Integration Program / Republic of Guinea-Bissau

Project: West Africa Regional Digital Integration Program GW

Contract title: PPP for the Design, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the National Fiber-Optic Backbone Network of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau

Country: Guinea-Bissau

Grant No.: IDA P176932 / E 2610GW

ISD No: WARDIP-W-002-2025-02

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1. The Republic of Guinea-Bissau has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of West Africa Regional Digital Integration Program (WARDIP) Guinea-Bissau and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract through PPP for the Design, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the National Fiber-Optic Backbone Network of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.
2. The West Africa Regional Digital Integration Program (WARDIP) Guinea-Bissau "The Purchaser" now invites interested parties to participate in a Virtual and in-person meeting at the Hotel Royal in Bissau for Early Market Engagement on the topic on 14th 00:00 GMT on 08th October 2026. The information obtained through the Early Market Engagement is expected to inform the Initial Selection Document and the Request for Proposals Document to better address the market requirements.



3. The PPP for the Design, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the National Fiber-Optic Backbone Network of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, WARDIP-W-002-2025-02, described as follows:

The Government of Guinea-Bissau, with World Bank support, is seeking private sector participation to develop a NATIONAL OPTICAL FIBRE BACKBONE that will drive digital transformation, enhance connectivity, and support inclusive economic growth.

After the Initial Selection and the Request Proposal Selection, the selected investor for the Works and Operation Services (Design, Build and Operate) will be granted an exclusive license for wholesale telecommunications service provision through the national backbone.

The assignment encompasses several key components:

- **Field survey activity, engineering measurements and Design**
- **Cable construction**
 - Phase 1 – main international connections
 - Phase 2 – district capitals, other major cities, and other international connections
 - Phase 3 – other cities and main redundancies
 - Phase 4 – secondary redundancies

- **Operation Services**

The Implementation Period shall be fifteen (15) years and shall include both the design, construction and operation phases. The design phase (including Field survey activity, engineering measurements) is expected to last up to six (6) months. The construction phase is expected to last up to twenty-five (25) months.

It is expected that the Initial selection will be made in November 2026.

4. As per current arrangements, Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using Initial Selection (IS) and Request for Proposals (RFP) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers- Procurement in Investment Projects Financing accordance with the Bank's September 2025 ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Applicants as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

5. **Purpose of the Session:**

Participants will receive an overview of the activity and are expected to provide feedback on the following topics:

1. Present the scope, objectives, and preliminary requirements of the for PPP to Design, Construction, Operation and Maintenance of the National Fiber-Optic Backbone Network of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.
2. Gather initial feedback from potential suppliers on procurement design, delivery risks, and implementation feasibility.



3. Any specific documents that could be shared with potential bidders to facilitate their participation.
 4. Any minimum specifications needed by the bidders to prepare solid applications and proposals.
 5. Foreseen Risks, including risks within supply chain, and proposed risk allocation.
 6. Any important factors that can affect the prices.
 7. Market Trends and regional differences (if any).
 8. Any current or potentially innovative developments or new technologies that the vendors believe are of importance to be considered for such procurement.
 9. Any environmental/green aspects that need to be considered.
6. Interested eligible Applicants are kindly requested to register by sending an email to the West Africa Regional Digital Integration Program GW; Aníbal Fernando Braima Delgado Balde; Email address: anibaldee@gmail.com Cc: aaronerrachid@outlook.com; severianogomes72@gmail.com
- With the subject line: "Registration – National Backbone - Market Engagement"
- Please include:
- Company name
 - Country of registration
 - Contact person & position
 - Email & phone number
 - Areas of expertise relevant to the project
7. Registration for the Early Market Engagement should be submitted before, 16hr00 GMT on 07th October 2026. Late registrations may be rejected.

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