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Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Project Name: Access to Finance

Project: P128048

Grant No: IDA-H894

Request for Bids Non-Consulting Services

For

**PROCUREMENT OF CORE BANKING SYSTEM (CBS) FOR FINCA
AFGHANISTAN**

IFB Ref. No: FINCA/RFB/NC-6

Date: August, 2018

FINCA-AF, through the Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan (MISFA) has received Grant from International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Access to finance project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of the grant to payments under the Contract for Procurement of Core Banking System (CBS) for FINCA-Afghanistan, Ref. No.: FINCA/RFB/NC-6

FINCA-AF now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Procurement of Core Banking System (CBS) which covers, but not limited to the followings:

1. Business Process Review/Gap Analysis

- Review of FINCA-AF current business practices to understand FINCA Afghanistan existing business processes.
- Perform gap analysis to either adopt recommended best practices as available in the CBS or to customize the modules to align with FINCA-AF requirements.

2. Data Migration

- Support/Migration of Data from the legacy system to new CBS, ensure all customers' data is secured and is adequately available in the new system.
- The vendor is required to prepare an appropriate and scalable migration tool for smooth and hassle free migration of data to new CBS ensuring uniformity of Ledger heads, sub-heads, codes and sub-codes.

3. Configuration

Setup of parameter for Deposit and Loan products, as well as chart of accounts for general ledger.

4. Customization

To customize the CBS according to the user's needs. This shall include loan process, deposit product and all calculation.

5. User Accepting Testing

6. Disaster Recovery

To propose the solution keeping in view the high availability requirements of the FINCA Afghanistan, taking into consideration the disaster recovery arrangements for the proposed CBS, database clustering & real-time mirroring of data at DR servers, and etc.

7. Training

Provision of trainings for FINCA-AF employees, in the implementation, operations, management, error handling, and system administration of the CBS.

8. Project Management

Assigning project Team of reasonable size consisting of experienced and qualified Project Manager(s), System Analysts, Engineers, Consultants, Quality Assurance experts and Support Staff.

9. Technical Requirements

The System should have capacity for growth, ability to handle large volumes, scalable to meet the future upgradations. Technical architecture should be flexible and conform to industry standards and best practices, and should support virtualization of hardware and clustering in high availability environment.

For details and further information, please refer to Section VII of the bidding documents.

Bidding will be conducted through International Competitive Bidding process, specified in the World Bank Procurement Guidelines, January 2011, revised July 2014.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information for **Procurement of Core Banking System (CBS) for FINCA** and request for Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours, from Saturday to Wednesday; 8:00am to 4:00pm.

The qualifications requirements include:

Joint Ventures	N/A
Annual Volume	1.1 The minimum required annual volume of Services for the successful Bidder in any of the last five years shall be: US\$ 250,000
Experience	1.2 The experience required to be demonstrated by the Bidder should include as a minimum that he has executed during the last five years the following: <i>Provided CBS and related software / modules to at least Two other organizations.</i>
Essential Equipment	1.3 The essential equipment to be made available for the Contract by the successful Bidder shall be: <i>N/A</i>
Liquid Assets	1.4 The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities net of other contractual commitments of the successful Bidder shall be: US\$ 50,000
Subcontractors	1.5 Subcontract is not allowed.

The bidders are required to submit their sealed and signed bids to the address below at or before **10:00am (Local time) on October 14, 2018.** Electronic bidding **will not** be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders’

representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **10:00am (Local time) on October 14, 2018**. All bids must be accompanied by a **Valid Bid Security** of an amount of **5,500 in United States Dollar (USD)** or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency.

Prospective Bidders are requested to participate in a Pre-bid Conference, which will be held on **September 19 , 2018 at 2:00pm (Local time) at FINCA Office:** House # 4, Secondary Road of Family court, Chil Metra Street, Between Baraki &Traffic Square, Kabul, Afghanistan.

The address referred to above is:

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