Enhancing Digital Government and Economy (EDGE) Project Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) Information and Communication Technology Division Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Youth Tower (Level 5), 822/2, Rokeya Sarani, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh

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Request for Proposal Information Systems

(Design, Supply and Installation)

(Without Prequalification)

Purchaser: Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC)

Project Enhancing Digital Government and Economy (EDGE) Project

Contract title: Supply, Installation and Commissioning for Expansion of Existing Private Cloud

Platform (DC & DR) in National Data Center at BCC

Country: Bangladesh Credit No.: 6675-BD RFP No: EDGE-G1C Issued on: 17 April 2025

- 1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Enhancing Digital Government and Economy (EDGE) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Supply, Installation and Commissioning for Expansion of Existing Private Cloud Platform (DC & DR) in National Data Center at BCC. 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, except for those payments, which the contract provides to be made through letter of credit.
- 2. The Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) now invites sealed Proposals from eligible Proposers for Expansion of Existing Private Cloud Platform (DC & DR) in National Data Center at BCC.
- 3. The procurement process will be conducted through international competitive procurement using Request for Proposals (RFP) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, Revised February 2025 ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all eligible Proposers as defined in the Procurement Regulations.

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- 4. Bids will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process set out in the bidding documents. The following weightings shall apply for Rated Criteria (including technical and non-price factors): 40% and for Bid cost: 60%.
- 5. Interested eligible Proposers may obtain further information from Project Director, Enhancing Digital Government and Economy (EDGE) Project at the email address below and inspect the request for proposals document during office hours 09.00 to 16.00 hours *at* the address given below. For the convenience of the Proposers an unofficial electronic copy of the RFP document can also be viewed at the website www.bcc.gov.bd (for inspection purposes only) but not for use in the preparation and submission of proposals.
- 6. The request for proposals document in English may be purchased by interested eligible Proposers upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Five Thousand Bangladesh Taka (BDT 5,000.00) or Forty-Five United States Dollars (US\$ 45.00) for the cost of the RFP document. Proposers may collect the RFP document in English from the office address below during office working hours (from 9.00 AM to 4.00 PM BST). Proposer who would like the RFP document to be delivered to them through courier service should request this in their application and pay an additional fee of BDT 2,000 for local delivery within Bangladesh (i.e., total 7,000.00 Bangladesh Taka), or additional US\$ 100.00 (i.e., total 145.00 US Dollars) for overseas delivery outside Bangladesh. The method of payment will be Bank Draft or Pay Order in favor of "Project Director, Enhancing Digital Government and Economy (EDGE) Project". In case of courier service delivery requested by the Proposer. the Purchaser will dispatch the RFP document to the Proposer through courier service within three business days of receipt of the written application and the abovespecified payment. The Purchaser shall not be responsible for any delays or problems in delivering the RFP document by the courier service provider.
- 7. Proposals must be delivered to the address below on or before **03 June 2025** at 12:00 hours Bangladesh Time (BST = GMT + 6:00). Electronic procurement will not be permitted. Late Proposals will be rejected. The outer Proposal envelopes marked "ORIGINAL PROPOSAL", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Proposers' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below on **03 June 2025** at 12:30 hours Bangladesh Time (BST = GMT + 6:00). All envelopes marked "FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Purchaser until the second public Proposals opening.
- 8. All Proposals must be accompanied by a *Proposal Security* of United States Dollar (US\$) 100,000.00 (US\$ One Hundred Thousand only) or an equivalent amount in any freely convertible currency or Bangladesh Taka (BDT) 11,800,000.00 (BDT Eleven Million Eight Hundred Thousand Only).
- Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful Proposer's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the request for proposal document.

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10. The address (es) referred to above is:

Attn: Project Director

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