

### THE DIGITAL MALAWI PROGRAM PHASE I: DIGITAL FOUNDATIONS PROJECT

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## Request for Bid

# Provision of Digital Skills and Innovations Grants Awards under the Digital Malawi Project

**Purchaser:** The Public Private Partnership Commission

**Project:** Digital Malawi Program Phase I: Digital foundations Project

**Contract title:** Digital Skills and Innovation Grants

Country: Malawi
Credit No.: 60500 MW

**RFB No:** MW-PPPC-GRANT\_MANUAL/1/-NC-RFB / 2

**Issued on:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

 The Government of Malawi has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Digital Malawi Program Phase I: Digital Foundations Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments of Hosting Services of Digital Skills Trainings, Innovations Activities and Entrepreneurship Activities by Tech Hubs, Innovation Centers and Training Institutions to youth, under the Grant Manual Framework in Malawi.

- 2. The Public Private Partnership Commission now invites sealed proposals from eligible Bidders for the implementation of the Digitals Skills activities and its related service as stipulated in the Grant Manual by Tech Hubs, Innovation Centers and Institutions in Malawi
- 3. The number and identification of lots comprising this RFB is: Four (4) as follows:

Lot Number	Description of Services or Related Goods	Quantity	Delivery Sites	Delivery Period
1	Provide digital skills trainings and conduct innovation programs	500	Bidders Premises or any convenient premise (Please indicate the premises) location in Malawi appointed by the recipient for the training)	1.5 years
2	Train Entrepreneurs in entrepreneurship related courses in relation to the digital economy Incubate, accelerate, mentor and provide co-working space to startups.  Provide sub-grants and seed funds to digital startups.  Hosting of Innovation competitions.	500 (with at least 10 being provided with seed funds)	Bidders Premises	1.5 years
3	Conduct Mass ICT literacy trainings and awareness	500	Bidders Premises	1 year
4	E-lancing	500	Bidders Premises	1.5 years

- 4. Proposals should contain a well-articulated workplan and budget. Those with the ability to train and reach out to more than specified will have an added advantage.
- 5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Public Private Partnership Commission and inspect the bidding document during office hours 08:00 to 16:00 hours at the address given below at 9(a).
- 6. A Bidding Document and the Grant Manual in English may be downloaded for free by interested eligible Bidders from the following Websites: <a href="https://www.pppc.mw/procurement/adverts">https://www.pppc.mw/procurement/adverts</a> and <a href="https://www.ppda.mw/procurement-notices/">https://www.ppda.mw/procurement-notices/</a>
- 7. Proposals must be delivered to the address below 9(b) on or before 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 10:00am Local Time. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in

the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below in (9) on 4th July 2022 at 10:00am.

8. A virtual pre-bid conference will be hosted to address any comments or questions on the process on 14<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. The connection link is as follows:

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82343276398?pwd=aFIvVVdyNENXd012TkxUM2hnODJiZz09

Meeting ID: 823 4327 6398

Passcode: 169455

9. Bidders are encouraged to submit their request for clarifications in advance through procurement@pppc.mw

#### (a) Address for Inspection of Bidding Documents

The Procurement and Disposal Unit The Public Private Partnership Commission 2nd Floor, Livingstone Towers P.O. Box 937 Blantyre Malawi

Tel: +265 (0) 1 823 655 Fax: +265 (0) 1 824 248

e-Mail: procurement@pppc.mw

#### (b) Address for Bid Submission

The Chief Executive Officer The Public Private Partnership Commission 2nd Floor, Livingstone Towers P.O. Box 937 Blantyre

e-Mail: procurement@pppc.mw

#### (c) Address for Bid Opening

The PPPC Boardroom 2nd Floor, Livingstone Towers P.O. Box 937 Blantyre