

# BANKERS' COMMITTEE

SHARED IT INFRASTRUCTURE & IT STANDARDS PROGRAMME OFFICE

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### SHARED DATA CENTRE & DISASTER RECOVERY INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICE PROVISION

1. The Central Bank of Nigeria and the Bankers' Committee have embarked on an Industry Infrastructure Transformation Programme for Nigeria's Financial Services industry with the objective to address infrastructure inefficiencies and reduce the cost of financial services through collaboration of Money Deposit Banks.

2. Technology infrastructure is integral to the delivery of financial services. The cost of establishing and operating technology infrastructure is high and is a significant component of Banks' operating costs.

The Bankers' Committee has indicated interest in Data Centre collocation / shared services to provide world class, reliable technology infrastructure to the financial system in a cost efficient manner and reduce the cost of ownership to individual Banks.

Accordingly, Expression of Interest is being sought from qualified and credible Service Providers that have the competence, experience and professional capacity to setup and provide world class Data Centre services through a fee-for-service arrangement.

3. The scope of services to be provided will include but may not be limited to:

✓ **Data Centre Facilities**

- Collocation;
- Work Area Recovery;

✓ **Data Centre Services**

- Managed hosting (Production, Web, Development, QA, Test environments);
- Disaster Recovery;
- Storage & Storage Management;
- Application Technical services (Databases & Middleware management);
- Cloud services.

4. Prequalified firms that meet qualification and eligibility criteria stated below will be issued with detailed RFP to advance to the next stage of the vendor evaluation process.

#### Qualification and Eligibility

5. Interested service providers must provide verifiable information and evidence including:

#### 5.1. Company Size, Organisation and Location

5.1.1. Company profile including type of company (i.e. limited liability, etc.), number of years in existence, ownership structure identifying the holding / parent company (if a subsidiary), information about partners (if a consortium), detailed listing of management team and key technical staff, locations of operations, registered address and other contact details.

5.1.2. Incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC).

5.1.3. Audited financial statement for three (3) years.

5.1.4. Tax payment for three (3) years.

5.1.5. International companies should identify local affiliations and provide evidence of partnership.

#### 5.2. Evidence of Technical Competence

5.2.1. Credentials of three (3) Data Centres with similar scope and operations that you currently own and run. At the minimum, one of these sites must meet the classification criteria of a Tier III data centre (based on the Uptime Institute's Tiering Standard). Reference information should include location, services provided, data centre tier and contact details (names and phone numbers) for each site.

5.2.2. Credentials of three (3) client organizations that have outsourced their Data Centre services to the Data Centres described above. Reference information should include the names and phone numbers of at least two individuals that can be contacted: a business representative and the CIO.

#### 5.3. Certification and Awards

5.3.1. Awards / certifications that are relevant to the services required.

6. Responses must be delivered in 2 hard copies in separate sealed envelopes clearly marked "Confidential: Pre-Qualification for the Provision of Data Centre Services" to the address below and an electronic copy by email to [ng.eoiresponse@accenture.com](mailto:ng.eoiresponse@accenture.com) on or before 4.00pm on Friday, May 31, 2013. Any response received after this date will not be accepted.

**Address: Shared IT Infrastructure & IT Standards Programme Office, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, UBA House, Marina, Lagos.**

The Bankers' Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to take exceptions to these specifications or to waive any formalities.