



## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **Design and Implement Network Infrastructure for Family Island Offices**

**Deadline:** 16 March 2020

The National Insurance Board (NIB) is seeking a qualified company to upgrade its network infrastructure at NIB's local offices throughout The Bahamas. The infrastructure includes eighteen (18) local area networks (LANs) of various sizes, located on fifteen (15) Family Islands. The overall objective is to modernize these LANs, making them fit for purpose and bringing them in line with the physical infrastructure required to deliver reliable services as NIB makes a strategic turn towards full automation of its business processes and improving its customers' experience.

The scope of this project includes the design and implementation of an Independent Distributed Frame (IDF) system in each of the local offices. It is expected that work would be done on multiple islands simultaneously utilizing on-island contractors where possible, as the timeline for this project is sixteen (16) weeks, allowing eight (8) weeks for procurement of hardware. NIB will prioritize the order of the work.

The Family Island Network Infrastructure will include the following at each location:

1. One 12U – 18U wall mounted or floor model rack cabinet complete with shelves and cable management.
2. A rack mounted UPS with a minimum capacity of 500W to facilitate housing the equipment within the cabinet.
3. Rewiring the office with Cat6 cabling and electrical cabling where needed.
4. Testing and labelling of all cabling into the cabinet.
5. A network patch map.

6. A network design document.

The project includes both hardware and services needed to implement the solution.

Successful companies will be shortlisted and invited to provide proposals.

Interested companies should provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. This should include the following information: country of origin, address, phone and fax number, email address, and legal representative of the company.

The standard for selecting the short list is based on the following, and a description for each must be submitted.

- a) A proven experience of the company in similar implementations of network infrastructure solutions.
- b) A proven experience of the company in delivering projects according to standard methodologies such as PMBOK and PRINCE2.
- c) A proven experience of the company to partner with local companies/ individuals to reduce cost.
- d) Compliance with the National Insurance Board.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in an electronic format to the email address [networkinfrastructureEOI@nib-bahamas.com](mailto:networkinfrastructureEOI@nib-bahamas.com) by 05:00pm ET on 16 March 2020.

For questions contact NIB via e-mail at the following address: [networkinfrastructureEOI@nib-bahamas.com](mailto:networkinfrastructureEOI@nib-bahamas.com)

Questions will be received up to 5 working days before the date set for receipt of expressions of interest.

Responses to questions regarding the Request for Expressions of Interest will be shared via email with all participating companies.

The National Insurance Board reserves the right to reject any and all expressions of interest.