



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

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Establishment and Implementation of Aid Information Management System (AIMS)
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MoFEP)
Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS)

1. UNDP, South Sudan in Juba invites qualified potential service providers to express their interest in ***Design and development of an Aid Information Management System*** to assist the GoSS to track aid-funded projects and donor funds, in accordance with the attached Terms of Reference for the service.
2. The Expression of Interest must be received by UNDP South Sudan at the given address, **no later than 11 May 2009**, with all required documentation. It should be noted that UNDP is under no obligation to invite companies who express their interest for the subsequent solicitation exercise.
3. In submitting their Expression of Interest, the prospective service providers shall provide the following documentation:
 - a. Profile of the company with details on product information and relevant supply experience including willingness and ability to deliver the required services in South Sudan.
 - b. Documentary evidence of developing similar systems for other governments and organizations;
 - c. Documentary evidence of necessary resources and capabilities to provide the required services.
4. The Expressions of Interest may be sent either as a hard copy or by email to the following address:

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**Establishment and Implementation of Aid Information Management System
(AIMS)
For Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MoFEP)
Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS)**

Background

In 2006 the Government of Southern Sudan (GoSS) introduced an aid strategy designed to ensure the effective coordination of donor assistance, given the multitude of donors and increasing donor assistance, with the overall objective of Government-led aid coordination. The strategy also positioned the Government towards the achievements of the goals and targets of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and reduction of poverty. The strategy is now being implemented and followed by most development partners. The government therefore is taking a number of initiatives that could enhance capacity of aid management and coordination. One of the key steps in this process is the introduction and implementation of an Aid Management Information System (AIMS).

The AIMS is a tool that records, tracks and manages information about development initiatives, assists in planning, identifies funding gaps and keeps donors aware of their commitments, and tracks disbursements, expenditures and monitors results. It also compiles statistics and provides reports which are available online and therefore enhance evidenced-based decision making, transparency and accountability. As in aid coordination and management in general, government's leadership and national ownership is a major success factor in the implementation of a reliable and sustainable AIMS.

Contribution of AIMS to aid effectiveness and management

The AIMS provides overall data and information on aid flows and gives an indication of funding gaps thus supporting government in the decision-making process of resource allocation, and signaling to both government and donors the financial needs in the future. The accessibility of data and information to all, including donors and availability of reports reinforces government's integrity and enhances transparency and accountability thus up-scaling donor confidence and maximizing funding as well as quality of partnerships between recipient countries and donors.

In addition, the planning and management tools of AIMS assist to avoid duplication and overlap of activities and helps in aid predictability and multi-year programming of aid. The predictability of aid enables Government to confidently plan for service delivery and facilitates public finance management and donors to make projection of their aid over a multi-year time frame in accordance with the financial planning of the government of the recipient country. Thus the AIMS has some leverage on donor compliance to timely and accurate disclosure of planned financial availability over a period as well as transparency.

SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENTS

The Aid Directorate within the Ministry of Finance & Economic Planning requires the following:

1. Design and development of an Aid Information Management System to assist the GoSS to track aid-funded projects and donor funds;
2. Technical expertise from the service provider of the Aid Management System to install, and implement the system and to provide training to GoSS incumbents in using the system, inputting and maintaining the database. This should include incorporating the AIMS system into ongoing processes, the customization of the database, and the identification of the minimum requirements for the related IT equipment that will be procured. This will be followed by commissioning and testing.
3. Service agreement to ensure on-going technical support and periodic training for incumbents.
4. **Training:** The installation will immediately be followed by training of the users of the system and IT personnel to perform data entry, security routines, etc. Training to be provided as part of the service offering on installation of system; further training support to be available for a minimum of 18 months following implementation.
5. **Technical support:** The Offeror must demonstrate a track-record of installation of their system and strong technical back-up and support; Offeror must be capable of quick response to technical issues raised by MoFEP

Delivery Schedule: The AIMS is expected to be developed, installed by end of June 2009. The necessary training is expected to be completed by mid July 2009.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

The Aid Information Management System should conform to the following specifications:

Software/operating system: Java Open Source applications, MySQL

Codes, Standards & Features: 1) Capable of classifying, entering and coding data and information in compliance with international standards; Flexibility to customize and adapt features of the system according to the required circumstances of GoSS; 2) Minimum sets of fields to include project management information, financial information, indicators including Paris declaration indicators and monitoring.

Integration with other systems: Capable of tracking donor funds against GoSS sector & activity codes and linking with the Freebalance System ie. compatible with the Financial Management System currently in place within MoFEP

Results Tracking: 1) Tracks planned and actual outputs from donor projects; 2) Capable of tracking progress towards the MDGs and tracking expenditures related to the Paris Declaration; 3) Capable of results based-impact evaluation of projects and programmes as well as risk ratings

National Planning Dashboard: 1) Enables government and donors to align planned/ongoing activities with national plans. 2) Provides a visual snapshot of progress towards plan objectives

Document Management: Capacity for both offline data entry and online document uploading by MoFEP and online viewing by all other partners.

Report Generation: Capable of generating, customizing and disseminating specific reports, including generation of charts and maps.