NOTICE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR IT SERVICES FOR THE WORLD BANK OFFICES

1-World Bank Background

Established in 1944, the World Bank Group (WBG) is one of the world's largest sources of funding and knowledge for developing countries. It uses financial resources and extensive experience to help our client countries to reduce poverty, increase economic growth, and improve quality of life. To ensure that countries can access the best global expertise and help generate cutting-edge knowledge, the World Bank Group is constantly seeking to improve the way it works. Key priorities include delivering measurable results, promoting openness and transparency in development, and improving access to development information and data. Innovation and partnership bond the five institutions of the World Bank Group (WBG): The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA), which together form the World Bank; the International Finance Corporation (IFC); the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA); and the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).

The World Bank Group (WBG)'s twin goals of ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity reflect a new global landscape: one in which developing countries have an unprecedented opportunity to end extreme poverty within a generation.

2- World Bank Group IT

WBG's IT portfolio is supported by the Information and Technology Solutions (ITS) VPU and is tightly linked with the institutions' overall strategic direction. ITS enables the WBG to achieve its mission of ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity in a sustainable manner by delivering transformative information and technologies to its staff working in over 130 client countries.

The World Bank Group's IT initiatives are managed by the Information and Technology Solutions (ITS) organization led by the WBG CIO. The overarching business goal of the IT function at the WBG is to provide high quality of technology service in support of the institution's development mission. The WBG uses a combination of staff and contractor resources to effectively meet its work program needs.

The ITS VPU is organized into three broad components through which IT solutions and services are delivered to all of the WBG:
- **Business Solutions Centers** align with business units across the WBG to deliver the applications and information solutions required to support business activities.
- **Strategic Management** functions provide IT change management, security, risk management, architecture and planning services across the entire IT landscape**.**
- **Shared Services Groups** deliver the technology infrastructure, platforms and support services to enable the WBG's global IT capabilities.

3- World Bank Pre-Qualification of IT Suppliers

The World Bank just released a Request for Expression Of Interest (REOI) to pre-qualify suppliers interested in participating on a follow on solicitation to award contracts for the provision of IT Implementation, Development and Support Services that encompasses the three broad components as specified above.

All information and instructions for you to participate in this REOI will be placed at the World Bank Corporate Procurement website at: https://wbgetenderingext.worldbank.org/wbget/index.html