



ZAMBIA INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

ZICTA/NL/15/17: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL NETWORK AND NATIONAL SERVICE LICENCES WITH ASSOCIATED RESOURCES

The Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority”) is responsible for the regulation of electronic communication services and products, and monitoring of the performance of the sector, including the levels of investment and the availability, quality, cost and standards of the electronic communication services in Zambia.

Pursuant to the Licensing Guidelines of 2017, the Authority intends to issue a network licence under the international market segment and a service licence under the national market segment with associated resources. **The Authority now invites proposals that will lead to issuance of international network and national service licences with associated resources in accordance with the Licensing Guidelines of 2017.**

The licences to be issued are as follows:

- a. **Network licence** under the international market segment that authorizes the licensee to install and commission gateway facilities such as earth station, VSAT/Hub, switching centres, nodes and servers; and
- b. **Service licence** Category “A” under the national market segment that authorizes the licensee to provide to the public, inter-alia, voice, message, internet services, internet telephony (VoIP), pay phone, value added services, data services, tracking services, etc.

The resources on offer are the following:

- a. National Destination Code (NDC) - 098;
- b. Mobile Network Code (MNC) - 645 - 04;
- c. SIM Header 89 260 04;
- d. Short Codes for common and emergency services as declared by the Authority;
- e. Mobile spectrum in the following bands:
 - 900 band - 8MHz, Frequency Division Duplex (FDD);
 - 1800 band - 10 MHz, Frequency Division Duplex (FDD);
 - 2600 band - 30MHz, Time Division Duplex (TDD); and
 - 2300 band – 30MHz, Time Division Duplex (TDD).

f. Fixed service spectrum in the following bands:

- 5GHz;
- Lower 6GHz;
- 11GHz; and
- 18GHz;

The successful applicant shall be required to pay the fees for the resources as prescribed in the Numbering Regulations S.I 29 of 2010 and Fees Regulations S.I 48 of 2017.

The information to be submitted by applicants will be as specified in the licensing guidelines and shall include among others:

- a. history and experience of the applicant(s) in the establishment and operation of electronic communications networks and services in the jurisdiction where they currently operate or previously used to operate;
- b. the size of the network the applicant has or has had;
- c. the size of the network the applicant proposes to establish;
- d. the type of services as well as the subscriber base; and
- e. countries the applicant currently operates in.

The applicant shall provide information regarding any licences previously and currently held relating to the provision of electronic communications networks and services.

The request for proposal document may be obtained from the Authority Head Office, Stand No. 4909, Corner of United Nations and Independence Roads, P. O. Box 36871, Lusaka at a non-refundable fee of One Million Kwacha (K1, 000, 000.00) or its equivalent in United States Dollars (USD). Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the same address. The telephone number is +260 21 1 246 696.

The proposals should be appropriately bound, sealed and bold labeled and must be deposited in the tender box situated at the Authority Head Office, Stand No. 4909, corner of Independence Avenue and United Nations Road, Lusaka on or before **Friday, November 24, 2017 at 10:00 hours local time. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Submissions received after the time and date stipulated above shall not be accepted. The submissions will be opened soon after in the Director General's Conference Room in the presence of Applicants or their representatives who choose to attend.

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