

## **ADDENDUM No. 2**

# **COMMON MARKET FOR EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA BUSINESS COUNCIL**



**CONSULTANCY  
FOR THE CBC DIGITAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION PLAN FOR MICRO SMALL AND  
MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES (MSMEs)  
PROVISION OF SERVICES TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMESA CROSS  
BORDER DIGITAL RETAIL PAYMENTS PLATFORM AND/OR FRAUD MANAGEMENT  
MODULE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

**Ref no: CS/CBC/2024(001/75) TS/jp**

TO: All firms bidding for “THE CBC DIGITAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION PLAN FOR MICRO SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES (MSMEs) PROVISION OF SERVICES TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMESA CROSS BORDER DIGITAL RETAIL PAYMENTS PLATFORM AND/OR FRAUD MANAGEMENT MODULE”

This addendum forms a part of changes on the following items that need to be cleared for firms submitting their RFP:

1. To ensure efficient preparation of the bid security by prospective bidders, which can be in form of a Bank guarantee, Insurance guarantee, cash deposit or letters of credit, the following are the beneficiary details.
  - Name: COMESA Business Council (CBC)  
Address: COMESA SERCRETARIAT Ben Bella Road, Lusaka Zambia.
  - Beneficiary Bank Account details, Bank Name and Bank Address  
Account name: CBC BMGF Project  
Account number: 8700211397514  
Bank: Standard Chartered Bank  
Branch: Lusaka Main  
Branch Code: 01700  
Sort Code: 060017  
Swift Code: SCBLZMLX  
Address: Addis Ababa Drive, Lusaka
2. The duration or validity of the Bid Security shall be for a period of sixty calendar days from the date of opening of the bids, unless duly extended by the bidder upon the request of the procurement committee of the COMESA Business Council.
3. (a) The Bid Security shall expire after the sixty calendar days bid validity period or after expiration of any extension thereof.
3. (b) When all bidders are declared ineligible, or post disqualified and, upon receipt of the notice, therefore.
- 3 (c) When the bidder declared as the lowest calculated and responsive Bidder/Highest rated and responsive Bidder, has furnished the performance security and signed the contract.
- 4 The bid security shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidder after the contract is awarded to the successful bidder or after the bid validity period expires, whichever is earlier.
- 5 The bid security shall be forfeited or retained by the COMESA Business Council, if the bidder withdraws or modifies its bid after the deadline for submission or fails to sign the contract or furnish the performance security within the specified by period by the procurement committee of the COMESA Business Council.
- 6 In the case of the consortium the bid security shall be issued in the name of the lead company/firm, who is duly authorized by the members of the consortium. The lead company/firm must provide a written authorization from each of the other members of the consortium as part of the bid submission.

- 7 Please be advised that the deadline for bid submission has been extended. The new submission deadline is **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. This extension has been granted to accommodate the needs of potential bidders and ensure a fair and thorough preparation process to submit their responses after this addendum.