



## Establishment of a Central Securities Depository (CSD) for the Securities Industry

### Request for Expressions of Interest

#### General Information

Country:	Zimbabwe
City/Locality	Harare
Eligibility	Local and International
Notice/Contract Number	EOI 01/2010
Opening Date	16 April, 2010
Closing Date	17 May, 2010
Funding	Bidder to source capital
Shareholding structure	Conform to legislation(s) applicable in Zimbabwe
Original Language	English

#### Contact Information

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## **1. Preamble**

In terms of Sections 4(1) and 69(1) of the Securities Act, Chapter 24:25, Securities Commission of Zimbabwe (SECZ) is desirous to expedite the implementation of a comprehensive and national Central Securities Depository (CSD) for Zimbabwe, which adheres to international best practices. This is a major project involving various levels of activity, that have to be adhered to in establishing a Central Securities Depository in Zimbabwe.

## **2. Objectives of the Company to set up the Central Securities Depository Company**

The objective of the successful bidding company or consortium will (hereinafter called the bidder): to raise capital and set up a Central Securities Depository Company for both Listed Securities, Debt Instruments and any other financial securities.

## **3. Scope of Work**

The company is to provide the following services and activities on electronic Securities Settlement Systems ( hereinafter called SSS). This will include the following areas:

### **a) Legal and regulatory framework**

The bidder's work should at least cover:

- i. Identification and resolution of SSS issues; policy, organizational, operational and technical
- ii. Public policy issues in SSS
- iii. An Undertaking to general legal and regulatory framework and guidelines applicable to Zimbabwe

### **b) Securities Settlement System Development**

- i. Developments in Securities Settlement Systems
- ii. Ensuring effectiveness of SSS
- iii. Implementation of Scripless Security System
- iv. Implementation of Delivery versus Payment (DVP) in securities backed for domestic and cross border market.
- v. Benchmarking SSS development

### **c) Funding and Setting up of the company**

The bidder must provide a statement or proof of capability in raising the capital required to establish the company and implement the Central Securities Depository Systems and evidence of track record in carrying out similar or comparable services, particularly, the Securities Industry.

## **4. Invitation to Bid**

SECZ now invites eligible firms to express their interest in providing this service. Interested companies shall provide information indicating their professional capability to undertake this work. Such information may include broad description of similar work, experience in similar conditions, and availability of appropriate skills among others. Companies should provide the most recent profiles of their key staff showing their experience, capabilities, references and details of past experience especially in the area of expertise.

## 5. Fees

**(a) Administration fees:** Upon payment of a non-refundable administration fee of USD 1000 (One Thousand United States Dollars), response forms, conditions and pre-qualification criteria will be collected by the bidder, from SECZ at the address indicated above.

**(b) Bid Security Deposit:** The bidder shall deposit USD 20 000 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) as security bid deposit with Stanbic Bank, Securities commission, Account Number 0222026202003, refundable at the completion of the exercise, subject to all conditions being met. The Bid security form will be collected by the bidder, from SECZ offices at the address indicated above.

## 6. Further information and Submission of Expression of Interest

Interested eligible companies may obtain further information at the address given below during office hours, 0900hrs to 1630hrs, Monday-Friday inclusive, exclusive of public holidays, before the deadline for the Expression of Interest

Complete Expressions of Interest documents in plain sealed envelopes with company reference and clearly marked STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL, and EXPRESSION OF INTEREST on top should be sent to the address above by hand delivery or by courier services at SECZ offices.

**Note: No other forms of submissions of the bids will be accepted.**

## 7. Closing Date

Closing date for submission of Expressions of Interest is 17 May, 2010 at 1630 hours Zimbabwean local time. No submissions received after stipulated time will be accepted.

## 8. Opening of bids

Opening for the bids will take place on 18 May, 2010 at the physical address given above, by SECZ appointed auditors.

## 9. Notification to the Winning Bidder

Winning bidder will be notified within 5 days of the completion of the selection process

## 10. Results

Results will be announced in the press upon completion of the process

## 11. Disclaimer

SECZ has the right to award or not award a tender without giving reasons for its decision thereof. No correspondence or appeal shall be entered into vis-à-vis the selection process.