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The Director General,
Bureau of Public Procurement,
11, Sulaiman Barau Crescent,
Three Arms Zone,
Asokoro,
Abuja

Request for "No Objection" to use Restricted Tendering Method

We humbly wish to request for No Objection to use Restrictive Tendering to carry out the under listed projects at the Africa Centre of Excellence on Technology Enhanced Learning (ACETEL) National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN)

The Africa Centre of Excellence on Technology Enhanced Learning (ACETEL) is a World Bank Assisted Project supported by the Association of African Universities and National Universities Commission (NUC), Nigeria. The Centre focuses on the development of human capacity and research in digital solution and its deployment to other sectors.

The Centre was established in February 2019, and is domiciled at the Headquarter of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Jabi, Abuja.

National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) won the right to host the Centre following a competitive proposal process involving many other university in Africa.

In response to our proposal, the World Bank through the Federal Government of Nigeria, approved our proposal and graciously promised to allocate the sum of \$6,000,000.00 (Six Million US Dollar) to the University to carry out the proposed projects as listed below for developing the Centre;

TABLE 1: LIST OF THE PROPOSED PROJECTS

S/N	DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS
1	Construction of ACETEL Building at NOUN HQ, Jabi, Abuja
2	Supply and Installation of Virtual Reality Laboratory Equipment
3	Procurement and Installation of Wide Area Network (WAN)

4	Upgrading of Library Facilities & Additional Database
5	Supply & Installation of alternative Power Source (Uninterrupted Power Supply) Solar Energy with Inverter & 200kva sound proof generator
6	Supply & Installation of Artificial Intelligence Laboratory Equipment
7	Supply & Installation of Basic Computer Laboratory Equipment
8	Supply & Installation of Management Information system (MIS) Equipment
9	Supply & Installation of Cyber Security Equipment
10	Supply & Installation of Multi-media Teaching & Recording Laboratory Equipment
11	Supply & Installation of Tele/Video Conference Meeting/Learning software facilities
13	Consultants

We are requesting for your kind approval to use Restrictive Tendering for the implementation of the above projects for the following reasons amongst others;

- I. **The time bound nature of the project:** The projects are guided through time bound guidelines in which adopting open tendering system may not fulfil the aims.
- II. **The project is result oriented;** the release of FUND for the project is strictly based on the successful progress report where the Contractor or Suppliers need to execute the project to a reasonable stage before reimbursement. However, it may be difficult to get a Contractor or Supplier in such category if open tender system is adopted.
- III. **Covid-19:** The Bureau is invited to note that the Federal Government due to **Covid-19 Pandemic** has directed that staff on Grade Level 12 and below should stay at home. Thus, order to comply with the Government's directive that fewer people should gather during this outbreak, the Selective Tendering Method appears very suitable unlike the Open Competitive Bidding that would involve public opening of the bids.
- IV. On this note, the University Management passionately wishes to appeal for the use of selective Tendering Method in undertaking the above mentioned projects and treat as an exception rather than the norm under the prevailing circumstance as enshrined in **Section 40 (1) (b-c) of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.**
- V. The profiles of these companies with evidence of compliance with the mandatory requirement for your kind consideration and approval, please.

TABLE 1: LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS AND SHORTLISTED CONTRACTORS

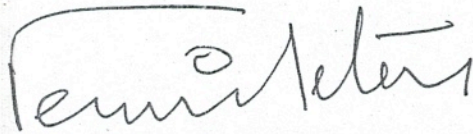
S/N	PROPOSED PROJECTS	SHORTLISTED CONTRACTORS
1	Construction of ACETEL Building at NOUN HQ Jabi, Abuja	I. Am'synergy Nig. Ltd II. In-situ Holmes Ltd III. Hikam Engineering & Consultancy ltd IV. Konstrad Nig. Ltd



The above projects shall be funded from the World Bank proposed grants

In view of the foregoing, the Bureau is kindly requested to consider and grant Due process "No Objection" to the University to adopt selective procurement method and the recommended contractors listed in paragraph above to participate in the procurement process of these important projects.

Please accept the assurance of my highest regards



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Vice Chancellor, NOUN

