



Ministry of Trade, Industry & Business Development

COMPETITIVENESS AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION (CAFI) PROJECT

INVITATION FOR BIDS

**Software Development Services for the
Design, Development, and Implementation of Lesotho Government e-
Payment Gateway**

1. The Government of Lesotho has received credit from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank to implement the **Competitiveness and Financial Inclusion (CAFI) Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the **Software Development Services for the Design, Development, and Implementation of Lesotho Government e-Payment Gateway (CAFI-WB-NC01)**.
2. The Ministry of Trade, Industry & Business Development through CAFI Project Management Unit (PMU) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the **Software Development Services for the Design, Development, and Implementation of Lesotho Government e-Payment Gateway**.
3. Bidding will be conducted through international competitive procurement using a request for bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" *Sixth Edition February 2025* ("Procurement Regulations") and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from *Competitiveness and Financial Inclusion (CAFI) Project Management Unit* from following email Address: tmohejane@cafi.org.ls and copy nleutsoa@cafi.org.ls and ltsoinyane@cafi.org.ls and inspect the bidding document during office hours *Procurement Unit* from **09h00 to 16h00 hours** at the address given below.
5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of **LSL2,000.00**. The method of payment will be direct deposit to the **Nedbank Account Name: Competitiveness and Financial Inclusion Project Maloti Account (Ministry of Trade and Industry), Account Number is: 11990167259 and Branch Name is: Maseru Branch**.

6. Bids must be delivered to ***Competitiveness and Financial Inclusion Project, House No 251, Corner Kingsway and Tona-Kholo Roads, Maseru West on or before September 10, 2026, at 10h00.*** Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on ***September 10, 2026, at 10h15.***
7. All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid-Security of M15,000.00**
8. Attention is drawn to the Procurement Regulations requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
9. The Ministry of Trade, Industry & Business Development through CAFI Project reserves the right to cancel the procurement process at any stage before the bid opening, during the bidding process, or prior to awarding the contract without incurring liability or obligation to any bidder. Cancellation may occur due to changes in project requirements, budget constraints, administrative or technical challenges, irregularities, non-compliance with regulations, or if the process no longer aligns with project objectives or funding availability.

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