



Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology  
Male', Republic of Maldives

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Republic of Maldives

### Digital Maldives for Adaptation, Decentralization and Diversification (D'MADD) Project (P177040)

Grant No: E047-MV

**Assignment Title:** Proof of Concept (PoC) – Software-Defined Wide Area Network (SD-WAN) Implementation

The Government of Maldives (GoM) has received financing from the World Bank toward the funding of the Digital Maldives for Adaptation, Decentralization and Diversification (D'MADD) Project (P177040), which aims to support the Maldives in its digital transformation. The Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology (MoHST) is the implementing agency for the project. As part of this initiative, the GoM is inviting firms to participate in a Proof of Concept (PoC) for SD-WAN Implementation – Expansion of the Maldives National Computer Network (NCN).

This PoC will be conducted on a **non-commercial, non-binding basis**, with **no financial obligation from the Government** or the Project. All costs related to the PoC are to be **borne by the participating firms**.

The Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology (MoHST) is pleased to invite qualified and experienced firms to submit proposals to participate in a Proof of Concept (PoC) initiative for the implementation of a Software-Defined Wide Area Network (SD-WAN) solution at the National Centre for Information Technology (NCIT).

This PoC is part of an ongoing consultancy assignment aimed at assessing national network needs and defining technical specifications for the expansion of the Maldives National Computer Network (NCN).

### Objective of the Assignment:

The selected firms will conduct a PoC for an SD-WAN solution that connects NCIT and two remote islands, based on the technical specifications outlined in the Terms of Reference (ToR). This PoC will be conducted on a non-commercial and non-binding basis, with all implementation costs covered by the Firm. NCIT will provide internet connectivity for the SD-WAN overlay at the hub and endpoints.



This PoC is solely for technical and functional evaluation purposes and does not imply any commitment to future procurement. Firms shortlisted through this process will be invited to participate in the PoC stage. Following the evaluation, a competitive Tender will be issued for the nationwide SD-WAN rollout across 200 locations in the Maldives. Bidders must propose only the OEM solution demonstrated during the PoC.

### **Eligibility and Submission:**

Interested firms must demonstrate relevant experience and technical capability to carry out the proposed services. Shortlisting criteria are detailed in the attached Terms of Reference (ToR).

The proposal must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, before 1000hrs.**

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