

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

# (Authorised under Section 16 of the Public Procurement Act 2006)

## Procurement Ref. No: PROC/OAB/IT/WAF/2024/01

- 1. The Financial Services Commission, Mauritius (FSC) is inviting bids from both local and international bidders through the Government e-Procurement System for the procurement of a cloud-based Web Application Firewall (WAF) subscription.
- 2. The bidding document, bearing the reference number FSC/IFB/2023/614, can be downloaded from the Government e-Procurement System on <a href="https://eproc.publicprocurement.govmu.org">https://eproc.publicprocurement.govmu.org</a>
- 3. Bids must be submitted online on the Government e-Procurement System by Monday 26 February 2024 until 14:30hrs (Mauritius Time).
- 4. Bidders who have submitted their bids online by the closing date and time shall decrypt and re-encrypt their bids as from by Monday 26 February 2024 at 15:16hrs (Mauritius Time) until Tuesday 26 February 2024 at 14:30hrs (Mauritius Time).
- 5. Bids will be opened online by the FSC in the presence of the Bidder's representatives who choose to attend, at the address given hereunder, on Tuesday 22 February 2024 at 14:31hrs (Mauritius Time).
- 6. The FSC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process, as well as reject all bids at any time prior to award of the contract, without thereby incurring any liability to any bidder.

### Note:

Interested bidders are kindly requested to register by signing up on the e-Procurement System of the Government of Mauritius on <u>https://eproc.publicprocurement.govmu.org</u> in order to participate in this bidding exercise. Guidelines on the registration and bidding process are available on the "How to?" menu of the e-Procurement website. Furthermore, it is mandatory for prospective bidders to purchase a Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from the Certification Authority MauSign CA by applying online on the website <u>https://mausign.govmu.org/</u> to be able to submit a bid and for encryption/decryption. The e-Procurement helpdesk of the Procurement Policy Office also provides support to the users of the e-Procurement System. Representatives of the e-Procurement helpdesk may be contacted during weekdays between 9:00hrs and 16:00hrs (Mauritius Time) for assistance or for requests for training by email on <u>eprocdesk@govmu.org</u>

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