1. INTRODUCTION
The Universal Service Provision Fund (USPF) was established by the Federal Government of Nigeria to facilitate the achievement of national policy goals for universal service and universal access to Information and Communication Technology (ICTs) in rural, un-served and under-served areas in Nigeria.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT
To partner with existing licensed operating companies and consortiums that will include one or more licensed operating companies to provide Base Transceiver Station (BTS) and associated devices required to extend telephony and broadband services to communities in un-served and underserved areas across the country. Consequently, USPF has provided sufficient funds in the 2016 budget to facilitate the expansion of mobile services to areas/communities currently with insufficient or without any wireless telecommunication service.

3. SUBSIDY/INCENTIVES
USPF is therefore providing an output-based subsidy as incentive to successful bidders to fast track the rollout of the project. In pursuance of this, a one off subsidy on CAPEX shall be provided annually for (1 to 3 years depending on availability of Budget) upon integration and provision of services back with evidence that the BTS has been carrying traffic for that period under consideration and upon fulfillment of all conditions of BTS Agreement.

4. SCOPE OF WORK
Bidders shall state the type of BTS proposed (conventional or non-conventional) and provide in their financial proposals, a BoQ listing all the equipment etc)

5. DELIVERABLES
i. Completed BTS site integrated to a licensed telecommunications operators network
ii. A comprehensive report documenting all the activities, assumptions, site diagrams, and processes leading to the construction and completion of the BTS project including services provided, capacity, estimated coverage area, population covered etc.
iii. Site documentation, diagrams, GPS coordinates, transmission equipment etc.
iv. An undertaking agreeing to provide collocation services to other interested users on “fair commercial value” basis
v. An undertaking indemnifying the USPF or its approved agents from any fault, injury, loss or damage that may arise from the BTS project or any of its components

6. PROJECT SITE/LOCATIONS
The Project shall be executed in selected locations under the clusters identified by the USPF’s Access Gap Studies viz:

7. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
As this project is intended to extend mobile coverage to areas currently left un-served, companies eligible to tender for this project must be:

i. A licensed network operating company, OR
ii. A consortium of licensed companies that includes one or more of the existing network operators.

A) General Conditions:
All tenders must comply with the requirements of Public Procurement Act, 2007 and interested bidders must submit the following documents:

a) Evidence of incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission.

b) Evidence of registration with NCIC.

c) Company profile and organizational structure, including names and resume of key personnel and technical staff with addresses and phone numbers.


B) Specific Conditions:

i. Evidence of financial capacity to undertake the project (annual turnover of at least ₦300,000,000.00 in the last three years).

ii. Experience in installation and configuration of BTS equipment.

iii. Verifiable evidence of financial capacity to undertake the project.

iv. Evidence of incorporation with Corporate Affairs Commission.

v. Evidence of filing annual returns for the last three years (2013, 2014 and 2015) with Corporate Affairs Commission.

vi. Evidence of profitability statement (financial audited report).

vii. Experience in telecommunications service delivery.

viii. Evidence of payment of Annual Operating Levy (AOL) to the NCC if applicable.

C) Minimum Qualification Criterion
The Company shall be required to demonstrate the following minimum competencies:

i. Experience in installation and configuration of BTS equipment

ii. Evidence of relevant technical experience with reference to similar projects deployed.

iii. Experience showing a proper understanding of deployment of BTS and Tower solutions on commercial basis

iv. A signed MoU letter between the Company and the licensed mobile operator (where applicable)

v. An undertaking to provide free services and maintenance of the BTS for at least 5 years from date of acceptance of the project

vi. Provide evidence that the Company is duly licensed to undertake installation of Telecommunications and ICT equipment

7. ADMINISTRATION

Signed : Management, Universal Service Provision Fund
Nigerian Communications Commission Head Office, 9th Floor, Plot 423, Aguoyi Ironsi Street, Maitama District, Abuja, FCT. www.uspf.gov.ng

9. COLLECTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS
Qualified Companies wishing to respond to this Invitation to Tender must purchase a copy of the Tender Document, which provides more detailed information on the scope and requirements of the project from the Procurement Department, USPF Secretariat. A non-refundable tender fee of ₦500,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Naira) only per cluster is required to purchase the Tender Document which must be payable to Universal Service Provision Fund through the CBN payment gateway (REMITA) platform. Evidence of payment MUST be submitted to the Funding and Subsidy Department, USPF for the Tender Receipt, which must be presented to the procurement department for the Tender.

10. METHODS OF SUBMISSION OF BIDS
i. Bidders shall submit three (3) copies of the Technical Bid in USB flash, in a format readable by Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat format.

ii. A Certified-True-Copy of the tender fee receipt endorsed by Head, Procurement Department MUST be submitted in a separate envelope and marked “TF/ BTS/2016.

iii. Bidders should have a Technical and Financial Bid shall be in two separate sealed envelopes marked clearly and then put in a bigger envelope or box which shall be sealed so that it is not possible to open it without visual evidence of tampering.

COMBINING TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL BIDS IN THE SAME ENVELOPE WOULD LEAD TO AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.

iv. USPF will assume no responsibility for the content of tamper evident bids or for non-compliance with the above instructions.

v. Submissions may be subject to verification from relevant authorities. False documents and/or false declaration may be forwarded to relevant prosecution authorities.

All tender documents MUST reach the office of the undersigned on or before Tuesday, June 28, 2016 by 11:00 am. (KINDLY NOTE THAT BIDS WILL BE OPENED IMMEDIATELY ON THE SAME DAY BY 11:00 AM).

II. DISCLAIMER
a) Submissions after the date and time specified above shall be rejected.

b) All cost incurred by bidders in response to this advert or enquiries shall be borne by such bidders and not the USPF.

c) USPF is not bound to shortlist any bidder, and reserves the right to annul the bidding process at any time without incurring any liabilities or professing any reasons for the annulment.

d) This advertisement is published for information purposes, and should not be construed as a commitment or obligation on the part of the USPF to award contract.

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