**REQUEST FOR THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**Providing Street Parking Service across Freetown**

**August 2018**

**A. BACKGROUND**

Road traffic and congestion in Freetown is a significant hindrance to economic activity and citizen satisfaction. The World Bank’s 2018 Economic Update notes that, at peak hours, ‘average traffic speeds in some central areas of the city reach just 3km per hour – slower than walking pace’. To ease congestion on the roads, Freetown City Council is pursuing a broad range of measures, one of which is the establishment of street parking zones across the city. Significant blockages are caused by the parking and abandonment of vehicles in inappropriate areas. Creating designated areas for parking, and ensuring strict enforcement, will free up lanes and relieve congestion. Section 57(d) of the Local Government Act 2004 also stipulates that local councils shall charge fees for such car parks.

**B. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF WORK**

Freetown City Council is requesting expressions of interest from reputable companies to support the development and operation of parking systems in certain areas of the city. This will predominantly take the form of on-demand parking for civilians, but may also include longer-term parking solutions for corporate entities.

The scope of the work is likely to include:

* Marking out and advertising parking bays (and potentially creating on-street car parks)
* Building a ticketing and payment system
* Enforcing compliance and payment
* Reporting on parking demand

However, the above should act only as a guide and interested parties should not feel restricted in proposing their own parking solutions.

**C. COMMERCIAL TERMS**

Freetown City Council is open to various forms of commercial arrangements, including revenue sharing, fixed fees and build-operate-transfer concessions.

Within their expression of interest, interested parties should include a high-level financial proposal that evaluates a range of commercial models.

**D. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

Freetown City Council is particularly interested in proven parking solutions; therefore, experience developing and implementing parking systems in other cities is strongly preferred.

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

As part of the application process, all interested parties are required to submit:

* A technical proposal
* A high-level financial proposal, evaluating a range of commercial models
* CVs outlining the experience of the proposed team
* Case studies of previous projects, including key metrics
* Demos of any software that would be used as part of the solution

Closing date for the submission of the Expression of Interest will be on the 19th September 2018 at 12:00pm. Any Expression of Interest after this date and time will be automatically disqualified.

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