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## Advertisement

### 332-2015; Youth Development Index

The Youth Development Index (YDI) was successfully launched by the Commonwealth Secretariat (The Secretariat) in 2013 and represents world's first attempt at capturing the multidimensional properties that indicate progress in youth development at the country level. It was the first comprehensive attempt to aggregate global data on young people; it was formulated to help governments, decision-makers and stakeholders identify and learn from areas of success, pinpoint priority areas for investment, and track progress over time. The YDI offers an inter-country comparison of the environment for young people, aged 15 to 29, across five key areas: education, health, employment, civic participation, and political participation.

Its methodology was developed by a team of independent academic experts convened from across the Commonwealth, in conjunction with the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). The YDI establishes a valuable monitoring framework on youth development and empowerment. The tool has ignited a global debate on the importance of gathering youth-specific data, especially for the Sustainable Development Goals, and calls for a data revolution.

As member countries in the Commonwealth see their achievements and needs ranked globally and regionally through the YDI, they are increasingly interested in investing in key elements of youth development, and the development of national youth development indices, and are increasing their collection of youth-specific data. To continue our work in supporting member states to better monitor progress in youth development, we are now developing an updated YDI, scheduled for release in 2016. The YDI sets a baseline, and is sufficiently flexible and adaptable to allow continuing development of the framework with the addition of new metrics as data becomes available.

One of the most effective methods of communicating the information developed under this project is via a dedicated website that provides a visual projection of the data and analysis. Sharing the YDI report and findings via a web platform enhances access to information for youth development stakeholders, provides a convenient way to receive feedback on the YDI findings, supports the associated youth data advocacy drive, and builds corporate brand for the Commonwealth.

The website developed for the 2013 YDI and report is functional, but relatively basic. Nevertheless it has proven to be a very useful aspect of communication and outreach. However, new technologies have emerged that should allow significantly better ways of displaying the complex data and enhancing the user experience. Also the 2016 YDI will have additional indicators and countries, and more sophisticated analysis of the data. Therefore it is necessary to enhance capability and functionality of the web platform to take advantage of current technological advances in data visualisation. It is envisioned that by using new

open-data software we will be able to make the YDI data 'living' rather than static, which will allow more up to date information, and greater reporting capability on the page and available for download.

The Secretariat is seeking to appoint a website developer and you are invited to tender for the above contract. The information that you need to complete this tender exercise will be found in this document and any additional documents that have been issued to you.

The agreement will run for a period of two (2) months for design and development. There will also be the possibility of on-going support maintenance for 12 months with two (2) options to extend for a further twelve (12) months each. This would give the support maintenance a maximum total of thirty-six (36) months. This will be subject to satisfactory performance and available funding.

It is estimated that the contract will start on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016. The available budget for this service is £40,000 for the term of the contract.

This contract is being procured using the open procedure. Under the open procedure, any organisation may submit a tender. This invitation to tender is in two parts.

- Round A tests the selection criteria for this contract, to assess whether your organisation has the capacity and capability to deliver the contract.
- Round B tests the award criteria for the contract, to determine which bidder has the best proposal.

Only those organisations who pass Round A and who meet the minimum requirements in Round A will have Round B of their tender evaluated.

All tender submissions must be returned following the instructions as laid out in 2 - 332-2015 - Open Tender Document. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have enough time to return your submission to The Secretariat. Any submissions that arrive late will not be accepted. Responses returned in any other format will not be accepted. If you do/do not wish to quote for this work please advise me accordingly.

Please note that the return deadline as stated in the 2 - 332-2015 - Open Tender Document and we will notify all those who submit a tender of the outcome of the process.

Should you have any further questions or clarifications please e-mail [FMS Procurement@commonwealth.int](mailto:FMS.Procurement@commonwealth.int). The closing date and time for questions is 3pm (15:00:00) on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Yours Faithfully,



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