



AFRICAN CENTRE FOR TECHNOLOGY STUDIES

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A CALL FOR THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR CONTRACTORS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AFRICAN CENTRE FOR TECHNOLOGY STUDIES (ACTS), TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND COMMERCIALIZATION CENTRE, AT KONZA TECHNOLIS - PHASE 1

1. Introduction

The African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) is a leading Intergovernmental Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Policy Think Tank, established in 1988. Its mandate is to strengthen the capacities of African countries and institutions to harness STI for sustainable development. It is based in Nairobi but works in twenty-five African Countries. ACTS pursues its mandate through quality STI policy research; policy engagement and outreach; technology brokerage; and capacity building. ACTS current focus is on five program areas namely: Agriculture Food Security and Nutrition; Climate Resilient Economy; Science, Technology, Innovation, Knowledge, and Society; Digital Economy; and Youth Gender and Inclusive Development.

In March 2023, ACTS acquired a 2.12-acre piece of land at Konza Technopolis where it plans to establish and leverage its Technology Scaling and Commercialization Centre. Towards this end, ACTS has developed a Master Plan that provides for an ACTS complex building consisting of four main interconnected structures (buildings) that will be developed independently. The master plan will be implemented in a phased approach. Based on the master plan, the proposed structures on the site must meet the minimum standards provided by Konza Technopolis Development Authority (KoTDA) of a smart city.

This Expression of Interest (EOI) seeks to identify competent contractors who will be invited to participate in the subsequent tender process for the proposed Phase 1 project.

2. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name: ACTS Technology Transfer and Commercialization Center – Phase 1

Location: Konza Technopolis, Konza, Kenya

Client: African Centre for Technology Studies

Scope of Phase 1:

Construction of a **3,351m²** block as follows:

- Basement Floor (817m²):- Shell & Core, Finishes, Water Tank & Power/Generator Room
- Ground Floor (778m²):- Shell and Core and Fit Out of Common Areas & Offices
- First Floor (745m²):- Shell and Core and Fit Out of Common Areas and Offices
- Second Floor (745m²):- Shell and Core only including Curtain walling
- Third and Roof Terrace Floor (266m²):- Shell & Core only including Curtain walling, Parapet Walls & Roof Waterproofing
- External civil and landscaping works
- Building services - General electrical and mechanical installations as shall be guided by the relevant schedules

3. PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Interested contractors must meet the following criteria:

3.1 Mandatory Requirements:

3.1.1 National Construction Authority (NCA) Registration: Minimum NCA **Category 4** in Building Works.

3.1.2 Company Registration Documents as follows:

- Valid certificate of incorporation/registration;
- Valid tax compliance certificate (KRA); and
- Valid Business Permit from relevant authority
- CR12
- Company Profile

3.1.3 Resource capability:

- Contractor to show proof of capacity to deliver the project including equipment and personnel

3.1.4 Financial Capability:

- Audited financial statements for the last three (3) years.
- Evidence of financial capacity to undertake a project of this scale.

3.1.5 Relevant Experience:

- At least three (3) successfully completed building projects of similar nature and value in the last five (5) years; and
- Evidence through completion certificates, reference letters, or contracts.

3.1.6 Key Personnel:

- CVs and professional registration of proposed project manager, site agent, quantity surveyor, and other key technical personnel.

3.1.7 Health, Safety & Environmental (HSE) Policy:

- Company safety and environmental policy documents.
- Proof of compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Act (OSHA) and other relevant regulations.

3.1.8 Litigation History:

- Statement of any current or past litigation related to construction works.

4. SUBMISSION DETAILS

4.1 Interested and eligible contractors are invited to submit the

- A cover letter expressing interest
- Company profile
- All documentation outlined above.

4.2 Deadline for Submission: 5th December 2025 at 10.00am

4.3 Submission Format: Soft copies (PDF format) sent via email to:

African Centre for Technology Studies
Email: procurement@acts-net.org

5. NOTES

- 5.1 PLEASE NOTE THAT THOSE FIRMS THAT HAD SUBMITTED THEIR BIDS EARLIER NEED NOT RE-APPLY.**
- 5.2 Only shortlisted and prequalified contractors will be invited to participate in the detailed tender process.
- 5.3 ACTS reserves the right to accept or reject any expression of interest without providing reasons.
- 5.4 Participation in the EOI does not guarantee selection for the main tender process.

6. Deadline for Submissions

Interested firms are requested to submit the EOI along with the specified information on 5th December 2025 at 10.00am.

Those requiring further clarification on this project are advised to send email to [procurement @acts-net.org](mailto:procurement@acts-net.org) by CoB 3rd December 2025

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