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#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

# PROCUREMENT OF AN AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM FOR ACCU'S DIGITAL STUDIO

#### 1.0 ABOUT ANTI-CORRUPTION COALITION UGANDA

Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda (ACCU) was established in January 1999 and officially registered as an NGO in 2004. ACCU unites like-minded individuals and organizations dedicated to raising awareness, exposing and advocating for the reduction of corruption in Uganda. Since its inception, ACCU has been committed to fostering an accountable and corruption-free society through diverse initiatives, often with support from various development partners. At the national level, ACCU collaborates with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) operating in the accountability sector while on the local front, ACCU works with and through Regional Anti-Corruption Coalitions (RACCs) distributed across the country as well as grassroots member organizations. This ensures that citizens' voices are effectively represented across the national agenda.

#### 2.0 BACKGROUND

Uganda annually loses Ugx 9.14tn to corruption, which is approximately 18% of the national budget. In addition, the annual Corruption Perception Index by Transparency International has consistently ranked Uganda poorly in terms of fighting corruption despite government's effort to establish legal, policy and institutional frameworks to fight corruption. Uganda has also been in the midst of several corruption scandals involving billions of shillings and spanning over decades.

Corruption in Uganda is mainly caused by; weak citizen capacity to engage government on accountability, limited citizen monitoring of public services, limited access to information, low state responsiveness to citizen accountability demands, poor implementation of anti- corruption laws, limited capacity of anti-corruption agencies, impunity, patronage and mild political will to fight some forms of corruption. The unabated corruption has resulted into; poor public service delivery, high cost of delivering public services, increasing national debt burden, denial of basic human rights, under-development and worsening economic conditions.

In order to address these challenges, ACCU is implementing a 4-year project titled "Civic Engagement for Accountability Project (CEAP)". The project aims to strengthen accountability of state actors in Uganda and; enhance the capacity of non-state actors to demand for accountability.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inspectorate of Government Report, (2021). The Cost of Corruption in Uganda.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Transparency International, (2023). Corruption Perception Index.

This will ultimately contribute to improved transparency and accountability among state and non-state actors in Uganda. The project is implemented at national level and 8 districts of; Yumbe, Terego, Madi-Okollo and Obongi in West Nile and Moroto, Napak, Nakapiripirit and Nabilatuk in Karamoja targeting 7,200 youth; 1,360 government stakeholders; 50 CSOs; 80 Community Based Monitors and; 9,840,200 citizens directly and indirectly.

#### 3.0 JUSTIFICATION

Corruption in Uganda is systematic, systemic, syndicated and astronomical in proportion. This has been facilitated by a number of factors including low citizen capacity to engage leaders on accountability and citizen apathy, among other factors. Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda seeks to equip citizens, especially young people, with skills and knowledge to engage their leaders on matters of accountability and good governance.

This will mainly be through specialised trainings and targeted capacity building initiatives using digital means. The essence of this is to equip young people with the knowledge and tools necessary to become anti-corruption advocates who demand for accountability and good governance from their leaders. ACCU therefore seeks services of a service provider or company to provide an air conditioning system, for ACCU's digital studio.

#### 4.0 GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The general objective of this assignment is to procure an air conditioning system for ACCU's digital training studio.

#### 5.0 EXPECTED DELIVERABLES

The selected service provider is expected to supply and install an air conditioning system with the following specifications;

- Hisense 12000 BTU wall split AC.
- A/C AS-12CR45VDTG02.
- Energy efficiency class A.
- Translucent front panel 4D Auto.
- Cold plasma ION generator, plasma air purification.

#### 6.0 TIMEFRAME

No.	Task	Timeline	Responsible Party
1.	Publication of the terms of reference.	27/08/2025	ACCU
2.	Delivery of Expression of Interest.	01/09/2025	Service Providers
3.	Contractual processes.	04/09/2025	ACCU & Service Provider
4.	Delivery and installation of the air conditioning system.	09/09/2025	Service Provider

## 7.0 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION AND QUALIFICATION

Prospective service providers are expected to provide their quotations including the following requirements;

- TIN certificate (with ability to provide an EFRIS invoice).
- Certificate of registration.
- Valid trading license.
- Physical address and contact person.
- Prior experience providing similar products.

### 8.0 SUBMISSION OF QUOTATIONS

Service providers who meet the above requirements should submit their quotations to the Executive Director, Anti-Corruption Coalition Uganda on; <u>info@accu.or.ug</u> with a copy to; amarlon@accu.or.ug not later than September 1, 2025.