

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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1. The African Development Bank (AfDB) hereby invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: a Knowledge Product to inform the development of the knowledge product on '**Scoping Study: Women, Infrastructure¹ & Leadership**' program.
2. The services to be provided under the Assignment include: the Consulting firm will conduct a thorough analysis of the needs, constraints, gaps and opportunities faced by women and women-owned enterprises (large-, medium- and small-sized) working in the infrastructure sector in Africa in establishing and maintaining their businesses. This will inform the AfDB's work in the infrastructure sector so that it effectively responds to the needs of women-owned enterprises in Africa. The Study will also inform all partners towards the creation of an enabling environment for women-owned Large and SMEs in the infrastructure sector. The expected deliverables are a database of women owned enterprises in the infrastructure sector, a mapping of possible institutions focused on supporting female business owners on the African continent, a comprehensive report, including an analytical summary, a results presentation, and a set of recommendations. This study is done in partnership with DFID.
3. The Office of the Special Envoy on Gender invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested eligible Consulting Firms or associations of Consulting Firms shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the services (documentation, references for similar services, experience in comparable Assignments, availability of qualified staff, etc.).
4. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank's **Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants** under projects financed by the Bank Group, May 2008 Edition, revised on July 2012, available on the Bank Website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Please, note that interest expressed by a Consulting Firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it in the shortlist.
5. The estimated duration of services will be no longer than **180 days** and the estimated starting date is **23rd January 2017**.

¹ Transport, Energy, ICT related and Water & Sanitation

6. Interested Consultant Firm may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank's working hours: from 8h30 to 17h30 (GMT).
7. Expressions of interest must be received at the address below no later than **1st December 2016** by **5pm (GMT)** and specifically mentioning **Market Assessment Study: Women, Infrastructure² & Leadership**.

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