

AWF OPERATIONS EFFECTIVENESS ASSESSMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The African Water Facility (Facility) of the African Development Bank (Bank) requires the services of a Consultancy Firm to undertake an assessment of the effectiveness of its operations since its inception of operations in March 2006. This is a requirement of the Facility's Operational Procedures approved by the Bank's Board of Directors, and which, stipulates in its Section 9.5 that *"At the end of 2009, an effectiveness assessment of the Facility will be conducted; the targeted objective is to assess the actual impact of the Facility and the effectiveness of operations financed. It would draw lessons and provide guidance for future operations"*. This constitutes the objectives of this assignment.

In terms of its scope, the effectiveness assessment will seek to determine the extent of achievement of the objectives of the Facility through a critical analysis of its (i) operational activities; (ii) institutional activities; and (iii) organizational activities such as outreach and partnerships, support to African Ministers' Council On Water (AWCOW), resource mobilization and knowledge management. Essentially, therefore, the assignment will examine work undertaken by the Facility and determine whether it is on the way to achieving its mandate effectively and efficiently. The assessment will analyze lessons learned and the strengths and shortcomings identified with particular emphasis on the programming cycle, progress made and results achieved, at country and regional levels. The assignment will seek to develop and provide appropriate recommendations for the future and further development of the Facility. The assignment will be undertaken by a Consulting Firm with the requisite knowledge and skills in institutional and operational programme analysis and reviews.

The African Water Facility now invites appropriately qualified and experienced Consulting Firms, from eligible source countries, to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide a statement of capability and experience indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff including bilingual capacity). Interested firms are further requested to register in the AfDB DACON at:

<http://dacon.afdb.org/dacon>

A short list of five to seven Consulting Firms will be compiled in accordance with the procedures set out in the African Development Bank's Procurement Rules.

Written expressions of interest must be clearly labeled ***“EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - AWF OPERATIONS EFFECTIVENESS ASSESSMENT”*** and be delivered to the address below by 18:00 hours on 02 March, 2009.

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