

Request for Expressions of Interest

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA Ministry of Agriculture Department of Crop Production

PANDAMATENGA AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTANCY SERVICES

This request for expressions of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in Development Business of 3 March 2010

The Republic of Botswana has received a loan from the African Development Bank, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for Consultancy Services for Construction Supervision of Road Network and Drainage Systems for Pandamatenga Farming Area.

The consulting services involve contract supervision of the construction of water control and access road network over approximately 30,000 ha of farm land in Pandamatenga area in the northeastern part of Botswana about 900 km north of Gaborone. The works involve, in general, construction of a 190 km of gravel wearing surface on treated sub-grades of gravel, and construction of a drainage system consisting of on-farm earthen channels that discharge into main channels and related outlet structures. The scope of consultancy services involve (i) rapid review of the detailed engineering design and verification of the tender documents, and update engineer's cost estimates for the works as designed; (ii) evaluating the contractor's proposal including the work plan, schedule, personnel and proposed technology; (iii) supervise construction of the road network and ancillary structures; (iv) supervise the construction of on-farm and main drainage network and related structures; (v) verification and approval of construction materials and any design drawings; (vi) work progress reporting at agreed intervals; (vii) process interim and final payments to the contractor; (viii) superintendence during the defects liability period; and (ix) prepare project completion reports. The total construction period is estimated at 36 months, which is expected to commence by December 2010.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Crop Production now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of staff and their key qualifications, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. This advertisement is open to consultants from eligible source countries.

Following the Expression of Interest a short list of six firms will be compiled and the Request for Proposals issued to the short-listed consultants. The selection of consultants is in accordance with the procedures set out in the African Development Bank's *Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants*, May 2008.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, 07:30 – 16:30, Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below *by 15th May 2010*.

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