

**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT  
MICRO AND SMALL ENTERPRISES SUPPORT PROJECT  
Consultancy Services for: Furniture Industry Value Chain Study in Egypt**

1. This request for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in *UN Development Business* No. 723 of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.
2. The Social Fund for Development (SFD) has received a grant no. 5500155000401 from the African Development Bank (AfDB) for UA 0.6 M and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for consultancy services for **"Provision of business development services to at least 5 clusters of small enterprise .**
3. The principal objective of this assignment is to undertake a comprehensive analysis of the furniture value chain in Egypt, so as to: (i) identify supply gaps which can be filled in by small-scale furniture entrepreneurs; (ii) identify market opportunities for small enterprises, and (iii) recommend relevant capacity building activities for them.
4. The SFD invites consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these 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, etc.). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications
5. A short list of six consulting firms will be compiled in accordance with the procedures set out in the African Development Bank's *Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants* using Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS).
6. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm (Except Fridays and Saturdays).
7. Written EOIs must be marked "Expression of Interest for **"Provision of business development services to at least 5 clusters of small enterprise"** and delivered to the address below by 14:00 hours on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2012

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