REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(CONSULTING SERVICES)  
Outsourcing the Editorial Coordination and Production of the African Economic Outlook (AEO)  
2012  
Tunis, Tunisia  

Introduction  
The African Development Bank (AfDB), the OECD Development Centre, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) are preparing the 11th edition of their joint flagship publication, the African Economic Outlook (AEO). The AEO will be published by the end of May 2012.

The assignment includes editing, translation, the concordance and the overall quality control of the final report. The AEO is a comprehensive report that contains country notes analysing the recent situation and the medium-term prospects for each country on the continent. It includes a comparative synthesis of African country prospects, placing the evolution of African economies in the world economic context. In addition, each year a specific theme of high importance to current developments in Africa is analysed in the AEO. Another feature of the AEO is that it contains a statistical appendix. The publication process is co-ordinated by the AEO coordinator, a consultant appointed by the partners and under contract with the AfDB.

Since the 2010 edition, the AEO has been printed in an abridged version of about 300 pages, while the full report has been made available freely in html format on a dedicated website www.africaneconomicoutlook.org. The full report is available in English and French.

Scope of the Assignment  
The key tasks of the assignment include the following:

Editorial coordination and production aspects of the assignment are to:
- Compile and edit the full manuscript according to the editorial guidelines
- ensure the correct and consistent representation of the data in graphs and tables throughout the report.
- ensure the coherence of content and style throughout the different chapters and country notes
- translate the edited manuscript into French and English verification of the concordance of the 2 different language-versions of the report
- design and layout of the report
- generate high-quality print-ready final pdf files in both languages.
- produce an e-book.
- print 100 copies of each language-version and shipping to location of AfDB Annual Meetings.

The AfDB now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested publishing firms must provide information indicating their qualifications to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.
Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank’s Procedures for the Procurement of and Use of Consulting Services Funded by the Administrative or Capital Budget of the Bank Group. The African Development Bank Group is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

Expressions of interest must either be couriered or hand delivered to the address below no later than Wednesday, November 23rd 2011 at 18.00 Tunisia time. Submissions should quote “African Economic Outlook 2012”, and should be submitted in five copies in English or French.

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