REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

Support to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Organic Clusters Project (OCP)

“Technical Training for Furniture Cluster MSMEs”

1- This request for Expression of Interest (EOIs) follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in UN Development Business Ref. No. AfDB604-10/13 on 2nd October 2014.

2- The Social Fund for Development has received grant no. G-EG-AAG-ZZ-001 from the African Development Bank (AfDB) for USD 2 M. SFD is planning to use part of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for consultancy firm services to “Support to MSMEs in Organic Clusters”.

3- The objective of this assignment is twofold: (a) Conducting technical training program to provide MSMEs in the furniture cluster in Damietta governorate with up to date knowledge and technical skills in several areas related to furniture manufacturing. The training program includes various training modules including furniture designs, using modern machinery, finishing/ painting, using alternative types of wood/ raw material other than natural wood, upholstery. (b) Provide coaching sessions to key technical service providers in Damietta on the above mentioned modules; to qualify local service providers in Damietta governorate to provide on-going technical assistance to MSMEs in the cluster beyond the completion of the assignment.

4- The SFD invites eligible consultancy firms 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 and experiences, availability of appropriate skills among staff, firm’s track of record that reflect implementation of similar assignments; previous experience with lead furniture manufacturers and furniture designers, experience in working with MSMEs, as well as experience in working within Egyptian or similar context…etc.).

5- A short list of six consultancy 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, dated May 2008 and revised July 2012, using Consultants’ Qualifications Selection (CQS).

6- Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Cairo local time (Except Fridays and Saturdays).

7- Written EOIs must be marked “Technical Training for Furniture Cluster MSMEs” and delivered to the address below by 12:00 noon Cairo local time on 19th April, 2017.
8- Social Fund for Development, Procurement Department, 114 Mohie Eldin Abou El-Ezz, Dokki, Giza, Egypt, by facsimile: (+202) 33366746. E-mail: procurement@sfdegypt.org