REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
Government of Lesotho

ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION SUPPORT PROJECT

CONSULTANCY FIRM TO DESIGN AND ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION BODY FOR LESOTHO

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The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho has received financing from the African Development Bank towards implementation of the Economic Diversification Support Project and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for consultancy services to design and establish the National Standardization Body for Lesotho.

The overall objective of the assignment is to facilitate the design and implementation of a business viable model and associated strategic plan for the proposed Lesotho Standards Institution (LSI) taking into account the economic environment within which it will operate. The services included under this project are:

(a) The Consultant shall undertake a comprehensive diagnostic for the existing standards infrastructure in Lesotho with a view to understanding its strengths and weaknesses. The review shall take into consideration the provisions of Lesotho Standards Institution Act (2014). The review shall also evaluate the efficacy of the Department of Standards in relation to implementation of Lesotho Standards Institution Act (2014).

(b) Prepare a comprehensive review of policies and legal framework that provide the mandate, roles and functions of the proposed institution. The review should take into account the opportunities and threats of the new institutional arrangements including identification of gaps and overlaps.

(c) The Consultant shall provide an overview of current global best practices related to the operations of standards institutions, in particular how successful countries have structured their standards institutions. This benchmarking exercise must also provide detail on how these comparator countries' institutions' activities are organised, funded and governed;

(d) develop an implementation plan including preparing a medium-term strategy and business plan for the new standards institution including organisational structure, job descriptions, budget, training and capacity need assessment.

The Ministry of Trade and Industry now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services including 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.

In such cases of associations / consortiums, EOI submissions should clearly identify one lead firm that would take up the primary responsibility of assignment delivery.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations, dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank’s website at http://www.afdb.org.

Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 08.00 to 16.30 hours.

Expressions of Interests must be delivered to the address below by 26th October, 2017 at 11:00, and electronic submissions should mention as the subject message “DESIGN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION BODY FOR LESOTHO” and should be sent to the address below.

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