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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 funds to payments under the contract for consultancy services on the Feasibility Study for Special Economic Zone (SEZ) / Industrial Park.

The overall objective of the assignment is to carry out feasibility study for the setting up of the special economic zones in Lesotho, including strategy for SEZ development, transparent legal and regulatory framework, provisions for linkages with the local industries and economy while also ensuring a high-level leadership and interagency coordination. The consulting firm will be expected to conduct a detailed literature review of previous studies on SEZs. They will also assess the status of industrial infrastructure development in Lesotho and the current infrastructure supply gap as well as conducting a review of the other eight (8) industrial estates/parks in Lesotho, and the legal, regulatory and policy gaps for the development of SEZ in Lesotho based on lessons learned with SEZ-like programs within Lesotho and experience from Africa and Asia. Based on the assessment, the team will recommend a suitable park or SEZ to support diversification into agro industry and non-apparel manufacturing. Furthermore, the consultant will examine the existing institutional set up underpinning the operationalization of SEZs and the existence or otherwise of the enabling factors as well as the feasibility of such an SEZ or park, establishing its viability, market potential in agri-business and manufacturing as well as financial requirements. Finally, the consultant will conduct a mapping of critical stakeholders and their respective roles in establishing the SEZs.

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho through 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.

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 hours to 16.30 hours.

Expressions of Interests must be delivered to the address below by 12th October, 2018 at 16:30hrs and electronic submissions should mention as the subject message “FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE / INDUSTRIAL PARK” and should be sent to the address below.

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