REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

CONSULTING SERVICES (firm)

THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT PROJECT (YEEP)

Sector: Skills Development
Financing Agreement Reference: FAPA -5700155002551 / TSF Pillar III – 5900155010401
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The Republic of Liberia has received financing from the African Development Bank’s Fund for African Private Sector Assistance and the Transition Support Facility Pillar III to finance the Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the contract for consulting services for: skills development for employment, job readiness program; and institutional support to Ministry of Youth and Sports.

The consultancy services under this project, to be implemented over a thirty month period are as follows:

1. Under skills development for employment: offer support to Booker Washington Institute (BWI), a TVET institute to re-design course content and training modalities of selected disciplines to impart new skills to the youth as required by the market. This will involve skills needs assessment to validate three priority skills; review and re-design course content and training modalities of the three selected disciplines; design and deliver a training of trainers for 15 TVET instructors; and developing and delivering a school management training program to support general management programs at BWI.

2. Under job readiness program: offer support to university graduates from the University of Liberia to enable them be work ready in terms of awareness and experience in the corporate world as well as information on job market requirements. This will involve training of trainers for at least 10 lecturers; internships for the youth; counseling in selection of academic courses, career exploration, employability workshops, recruitment and job placement and job and career fairs.

3. Under institutional support to Ministry of Youth and Sports: offer support to Ministry of Youth and Sports as follows:
   - Design a Management Information System
   - Build capacity and transfer skills to Ministry of Youth and Sports staff supporting the YEEP
   - Design a monitoring and evaluation framework
   - Design and carry out a tracer survey of the YEEP activities
   - Design a model for up-scaling and sustaining YEEP
   - Design and implementing a communication strategy for YEEP
The Liberia Ministry of Youth and Sports now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions within the past five years, availability of pool of appropriate experts, etc.). Consulting firms may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Evaluation of EOI will be based on the following evaluation criteria

i. Organizational capability and experience of consulting firm
ii. Key professional personnel
iii. Experience in similar environment
iv. Experience in similar assignments.

The method of selection shall be Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS). The eligibility criteria, establishment of the short list and selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants" (May 2008 edition, revised July 2012), which is available on the Bank's website at http://www.afdb.org

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours between 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday–Friday (Liberia time).

Expression of interest must be submitted in English and delivered in hard copy or submitted by email to the address below by Monday, April 26th 2017, at 12:00 midnight (Liberia time) and must be specifically marked "Expression of interest for skills development for employment, job readiness program; and institutional support to Ministry of Youth and Sports)."

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