REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

1. The African Development Bank hereby invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: Needs Assessment: Trade and Transport Facilitation, Trade Analysis and Modalities for the establishment of a Corridor Management Authority on the Abidjan-Lagos Highway Corridor.

2. The services to be provided under the Assignment include:

- **Trade and Transport Facilitation:** The consultants will identify key bottleneck and propose concrete and targeted steps/actions required with cost estimates towards enhancing movement of goods and services and persons along the corridor; through policy harmonization and reforms.

- **Trade Analysis:** This analytical component will look at trade amongst the five countries on the Corridor, including the major goods and services traded at the borders, the private sector operators using the borders. The consultant is expected to engage with private sector operators involved in the transformation or processing of agricultural products as well as trade in similar goods along the Corridor. Enquiries will also be made on what constrains operators are facing and what arrangements could be made to facilitate trade and transportation of such products within the sub-region.

- **Modalities for establishing a Corridor Management Authority:** This is to define all the modalities and framework necessary for the establishment and operations of the Corridor Management Authority. This entails conducting research and field visits to enable an in-depth review of existing structures playing similar roles on the corridor, analysis of institutional arrangements, including the supra-national character of the authority and its functionalities. It is expected that the Authority will operate with some autonomy in terms of the management of the corridor. Corridor management institutions being very strategic, the study will analyze the capacity and the structure that need to be in place, from all ramifications and the role of various stakeholders (ECOWAS, PMCs and DFIs/TFPs) to enable the Authority to function adequately.

3. The NEPAD, Regional Integration and Trade Department (ONRI) of the African Development Bank (AfDB) invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested eligible Consulting Firms or associations of Consulting Firms shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the services (documentation, references for similar services, experience in comparable Assignments, availability of qualified staff, etc.).

4. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank’s Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants under projects financed by the Bank Group, May 2008 Edition, revised on July 2012 available on the Bank Website at http://www.afdb.org. Please, note that interest expressed by a Consulting Firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it in the shortlist.

5. The estimated duration of services is three (3) months and the estimated starting date is 2nd May 2016.
6. Interested Consulting Firms may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank’s working hours: 0800 to 1600 GMT.

7. Expressions of interest must be received at the address below no later than April 2, 2016 at 1700 GMT time and specifically mentioning Needs Assessment – Trade and Transport Facilitation on ALHC.

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