

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Diagnostic study of AfDB's practices to assure the quality at entry of public sector operations

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1. The African Development Bank (AfDB) hereby invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: **Diagnostic study of AfDB's practices to assure the quality at entry of public sector operations.**

2. The purpose of this assignment is to improve the Quality at Entry of the Bank's public sector operations. The assignment is expected to provide a diagnostic study on:

- Understanding the importance of quality at entry of operations with regard to both (i) implementation performance; and (ii) development results;
- Enhancing knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the current practices - including tools and processes - to assure operation quality at entry in the Bank; and
- Improving the ability to make evidence-based decisions regarding future directions and investments to improve quality at entry.

Specifically, the assignment should explicitly address the following questions:

- Why does quality at entry matter and what aspects of quality are the main predictors of project implementation performance and development results?
- What are the strengths of the existing quality at entry practices at the AfDB?
- What are the weaknesses or gaps in the existing quality at entry practices at AfDB?
- Is the way in which the AfDB has assigned responsibilities and resources for quality at entry optimal as well as what are the implications and opportunities of the new Development and Business Delivery Model (DBDM)?

3. The Quality Assurance Division of the Operations Committee and Quality Assurance Department (SNOQ.2) 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 **Procurement policy and procedures for recruitment of corporate consultants**. 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 expected to be four months and the estimated starting date is 15 June 2018.

6. Interested Consulting Firms may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank's working hours: 09:00 to 17:00 hours, Abidjan Local Time.

7. Expressions of interest must be received at the address below before **Thursday 31st, May 2018 17:00 hours, Abidjan Local Time** and specifically mentioning “**Expression of Interest for diagnostic study of AfDB's practices to assure the quality at entry of public sector operations**”

For the attention of:

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