REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT

Support to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Organic Clusters Project (OCP)

Design and Implementation Plan for a Cluster’s Incubator in the New Damietta Furniture City

1- This request for Expression of Interest (EOIs) follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in UN Development Business Ref. No. AfDB604-10/13 on 2nd October 2014.

2- The Social Fund for Development has received grant no. G-EG-AAG-ZZZ-001 from the African Development Bank (AfDB) for USD 2 M. SFD is planning to use part of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for consultancy firm services to institutional & operational capacity building for key support institutions and stakeholders working with organic MSMEs clusters. Accordingly the consultancy assignment is divided into 3 sections:

   Section 1: Engineering Design of an incubator in the "New Damietta Furniture City" premises to be run by the SFD to act as a hub for developing furniture MSEs in the Governorate.

   Section 2: Draw a management/operation plan for the incubator to function on a cost recovery basis over the 4 coming years.

   Section 3: Preparation of a detailed Project Proposal to mobilize additional resources from the donor community to implement, operate and manage the designed Incubator.

3- The SFD invites eligible consultancy firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide a statement of capability and experience indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments and experiences, availability of appropriate skills among staff…etc).

4- A short list of six consultancy firms will be compiled in accordance with the procedures set out in the African Development Bank’s Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants, dated May 2008 and revised July 2012, using Consultants' Qualifications Selection (CQS).

5- Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Cairo local time (Except Fridays and Saturdays).

6- Written EOIs must be marked “Expression of Interest to build capacities of SFD & other stakeholders towards improved cluster development and management” and delivered to the address below by 12:00 noon Cairo local time on 28th of February, 2017.

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