SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT
Support to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Organic Clusters Project (OCP)

To Conduct Diagnostic Study and Develop Action Plan for "Furniture Cluster" in Damietta & "Fowa Hand-Made Kleem" in Kafr El-Sheikh

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-ZZ-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 conduct “Diagnostic study, potential growth assessment and value-chain analysis of Furniture Cluster in Damietta and Fowa Hand-Made Kleem in Kafr El Sheikh”, whereby Organic clusters are clusters initiated without governmental planning and include formal/informal enterprises.

3- The objective of this assignment is to provide SFD, for each of the two clusters, with detailed information on cluster's strengths and weaknesses, challenges and constraints as well as cluster's potential, linkages and joint actions among MSMEs within the cluster and along the value chain. Furthermore, action plans for each cluster will be developed for immediate and medium term action, to identify the most effective leverage points for project interventions, potential partners and support mechanisms leading to the sustainable development of both clusters, including increasing their potential for job creation.

4- 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).

5- 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 Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS).

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

7- Written EOIs must be marked “Expression of Interest to Conduct Diagnostic Study and Develop Action Plan for Furniture Cluster in Damietta & Fowa Hand-Made Carpet and Kleem Cluster in Kafr El-Sheikh” and delivered to the address below by 12:00 noon Cairo local time on 20th of December, 2015.

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