REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE MULTINATIONAL PROJECT FOR BUILDING CAPACITY ON MANAGING FOR DEVELOPMENT RESULTS IN THE REGIONAL MEMBER COUNTRIES (RMCs) AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES (RECs)

PROJECT ID:
GRANT No.: 2100150023544

1. The African Development Bank hereby invites Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: recruitment of a project manager to help the secretariat of the African Community of Practice on Managing for Development Results (AfCoP-MfDR) achieve its strategic objectives.

2. The African Development Bank (AfDB) granted an amount of UA 9.00 million to support the multinational project for building MfDR capacity in countries and RECs, commonly called the AfCoP Project. This project is being implemented by the AfCoP Secretariat within the Quality Assurance and Results Department (ORQR) of AfDB. Part of the proceeds of this grant will be applied to payments for consultancy services of a Project Manager.

3. The services to be provided under this assignment include:

   The project aims to support the AfCoP in mainstreaming MfDR into the policies and strategies of countries, through its flagship program, the Africa for Results initiative. The Western African and Economic Monetary Union (WAEMU) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) chose to partner with the project to accelerate the implementation of regional policies in their member countries. Each of the two RECs and sixteen partnering countries committed to conduct a series of activities. AfCoP is now consolidating this work and reviewing the effectiveness of its partnerships with countries and RECs to improve partnership effectiveness in meeting expected development results and ensuring better ownership and mainstreaming of activities in RECs and countries.

   The Project Manager will report to the Project Coordinator and Division Manager, ORQR.1. His/her core responsibilities include the following:

   - **Strategic Planning and Coordination of AfriK4R Regional Partnerships**, including: Lead the review of AfriK4R partnerships with RECs and refine work plans; Provide strategic guidance and support to AfCoP Secretariat and the partnering RECs to implement locally-tailored regional partnerships, with relevant buy-in; Liaise and coordinate with RECs to help package and define RECs’ case for AfriK4R support and differentiated value proposition to engage countries; Identify appropriate benchmarks and data to measure progress in alignment with AfriK4R’s overarching theory of change.

   - **External Relations and Partnerships Building**, including: Serve as a key advisor, representative and interlocutor with RECs, in harnessing and strengthening strategic partnerships for AfriK4R, thus acting as a key resource of real-time partner intelligence; Determine the partnerships landscape to ensure optimal win-win partnerships for AfCoP; Maintain effective relationships with counterparts in other RECs to promote and strengthen coordinated support for managing for development results; Advise on the development and dissemination of high quality information and knowledge materials to demonstrate AfCoP regional results.

   - **Project Management, Planning and Monitoring**, including: Supervise procurement and disbursement activities of the project, with support from the Project Administrator; Support the Bank’s field offices and the regional and national focal points on project implementation; Supervise knowledge sharing activities implemented by the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF); Coordinate with the AfCoP Facilitator to ensure a
smooth implementation of the project; Enhance synergies between AfCoP activities and the Bank’s strategic priorities and operational processes; Prepare progress reports every semester on AfCoP progress to the Bank’s Steering Committee.

The Project Manager will be recruited for one year assignment. He/she will be located at the Bank’s Headquarters in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire. The expected starting date is March 1, 2015.

4. The AfCoP Secretariat now invites individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above described services. Interested eligible consultants shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to undertake this assignment (documents, reference to similar services, experience in similar assignments, availability etc.), in addition to their CV.

5. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank’s “Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants” edition May 2008, revised July 2012, which is available on the Bank’s website at http://www.afdb.org. The AfCoP Secretariat is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

6. Interested consultants may obtain further information from the AfCoP Secretariat Coordination’s Office at the Quality Assurance and Results Department (ORQR) of the AfDB at the address below.

7. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 20 February 2015 not later than 17:00 GMT and must be clearly marked: “Expression of Interest for the Project Manager Consultant”.

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