ZAMBIA
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRENUERSHIP PROJECT
SUPPORTING WOMEN AND YOUTH
SDEP-SWY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)
INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

The Government of the Republic of Zambia has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Skills Development and Entrepreneurship Project Supporting Women and Youth, and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to payments under the contract for recruitment of a Value Chain Development Specialist.

The main components of the Project related to support to light manufacturing through the development of industrial clusters with the promotion of access to markets, finance, technology and business skills for MSMEs operating in selected subsectors. In the second area of focus, the Project will address the key pre-requisites for unlocking the full value addition potential of cassava as a commercial crop, while supporting women and youth as stakeholders along the value chain.

Qualification Requirements
Degree in Agriculture Economics, Development Economics, Agribusiness or relevant field; Proven understanding and clear knowledge of agriculture value chain development, agriculture commodity markets, agro processing and cassava products; Minimum of 5 years relevant work experience; and demonstrated understanding of cassava value chain development preferred.

The Value Chain Development Specialist under the supervision of the Project Manager shall be responsible for the successful commercialization of cassava under the Skills Development and Entrepreneurship Project-Supporting Women and Youth (SDEP-SWY) for the success of the project in Zambia. The Value Chain Development Specialist will ensure that Project work plans and progress reports related to cassava commercialization will be developed in a consultative manner so that activities are well coordinated among the partners to maintain project focus on intended targets.

The assignment shall commence from the 1st of November 2016 and shall be renewed annually, based on performance, up to the closing date of the Project (31 Dec. 2020).

The Zambia Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry, through the CEEC now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (CVs, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, possession of adequate qualification and appropriate skills, etc.).
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” (May 2008 Edition, Revised July 2012), which is available on the Bank’s website at http://www.afdb.org. CEEC is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

Interested consultants may obtain Terms of Reference (ToRs) and further information from the website (www.ceec.org.zm) or at the address below during office hours (08:00 – 17:00hrs) at the offices of:

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Expressions of interest must be delivered to the physical or email address above by **10th Oct. 2016 at 2:00pm (Lusaka time)** and mention “Expressions of Interest for Value Chain Development Specialist for the Skills Development and Entrepreneurship Project”.