GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Arab Republic of Egypt
Support to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Organic Clusters Project

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1. The Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt has received a Grant from the MENA Transitional Fund through the African Development Bank to finance the project entitled “Support Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in Organic Clusters”

2. The principal objectives of this project are to: Create an overall enabling environment for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) operating out of organic clusters and increase their contribution towards economic growth and employment. The outcome of this project will feed into the larger policy framework for the MSME which is under development and currently led by the SFD.

3. The project includes the following components:
   A) Policy recommendations towards an enabling environment for the development of MSMEs in organic clusters, including: (i) Mapping Organic clusters and reviewing and analyzing existing national programs supporting them (QCBS*); (ii) Potential Growth Assessment of 3 selected Organic Clusters and value chain analysis (QCBS); (iii) Development of policy briefs (IC**).
   B) Institutional and operational capacity building for key support institutions and stakeholders working with organic MSME clusters, including: (i) In-depth stakeholder analysis of support institutions (QCBS); (ii) Creation of a basic BDS service provider’s database (IC); (iii) Capacity building of stakeholders towards improved cluster identification and management (UNIDO); (iv) Feasibility study on the establishment of a defined cluster self-governance and management system (QCBS).
   C) Increase organic MSME contribution to manufacturing value added (pilot project), to include: (i) In-depth diagnostic study of the specific cluster (IC); (ii) Cluster stakeholder consultations (IC); (iii) Tailored business development services to MSMEs in organic clusters (Training); (iv) Development of a loan product for the cluster (IC).

4. Procurement of goods and/or works will be in accordance with the Bank’s Rules of Procedure for the Procurement of Goods and Works. Acquisition of the services of Consultants will follow the Bank’s Rules of Procedure for the Use of Consultants. Bidding documents are expected to be available in November 2013.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:
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* QCBC : Quality cost based selection for firms.
** IC : Individual consultant