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)

Consultancy Firm Services for: Conduct Mapping of Organic clusters for Upper and Lower Egypt

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 2013.

2- The Social Fund for Development has received a FAPA 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 **“Conduct Mapping of Organic clusters for Upper and Lower Egypt”, whereby** Organic clusters are clusters initiated without governmental planning; organic clusters include formal and/or informal enterprises.

3- The purpose of this assignment is to provide SFD with detailed information on organic clusters and a selection framework to select clusters to be targeted by the current Organic Clusters Project.

The specific objectives are to: (i) develop a roster of organic clusters in Upper and Lower Egypt; (ii) collect and analyze organic clusters information and identify clusters’ opportunities, challenges, and enabling environment issues; (iii) Review and analyze existing national programs supporting organic clusters and studies pertinent to organic clusters development in Egypt (iv) develop an innovative organic clusters’ map that classifies organic clusters based on growth potential; (v) develop rationalized recommended list of clusters to be targeted by Organic Clusters Project; highlighting their needs in terms of financial and business development services, capacity development, social and policy related interventions

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*.

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 Mapping of Organic clusters for Upper and Lower Egypt”** and delivered to the address below by 12:00 noon Cairo local time on 17th of June, 2014.

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