The Kingdom of Lesotho

Institutional Support for the Enhancement of Public Financial Management Project

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1. The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho has received a grant from the African Development Bank to Finance Institutional Support for the Enhancement of Public Financial Management Project (ISEP).

2. The principal objective of this project is to contribute to the strengthening of procurement and accountability functions for the improved management of public resources in support of the implementation of the National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP).

The project aims specifically at:

- Preparing an enabling policy and institutional framework for public procurement.
- Operationalization of a modern procurement system across Government.
- Capacity building to professionalize the public procurement functions.
- Strengthening non-state actors’ demand for transparency and integrity in public procurement.
- Building the institutional, organizational and operational capacity of the internal audit function including professional competencies and performance of internal audit personnel.
- Enhancing the institutional and operational capacity of the external audit function, and professional competencies and performance of external audit personnel.
- Enhancing capacity and effectiveness of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Parliament.

The project will involve procurement of goods (i.e. The supply of IT and Office equipment to be procured using National Competitive Bidding and Shopping); and consulting services which will be procured using Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) and Least Cost Selection (LCS).

3. The project has three components:

Component 1: Improving spending efficiency and transparency of procurement; Component 2: Enhancing accountability in the use of public funds through strengthening institutional, organisational and operational efficiency of internal and external audit functions, and the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament; Component 3: Project management and coordination.

4. Procurement of Goods will be in accordance with the African Development Bank’s (AfDB) Rules and Procedures for the Procurement of Goods. Acquisition of the services of consultants will follow the AfDB’s Rules and Procedures for the use of consultants. Bidding documents are expected to be available in April 2015.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information and should confirm their interest by contacting:

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