1. The FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA has received a Grant from the African Development Bank/African Development Fund/as administrators of the Transition Support Facility (TSF) Pillar III Window to finance the STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS FOR ECONOMIC POLICY MANAGEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SIEPMID).

2. The principal objectives of this project are to: enhance institutional capabilities in economic planning to anchor the Government of Somalia’s formulation, implementation and coordination of macro-economic and fiscal policies; data quality and reporting; and technical skills development that are critical for the reconstruction and development phases of the Somali economy.

3. The project includes the following components:

   (a) **Component 1: Institutional Capacity Strengthening for Improved Economic Policy Analysis, Implementation and Coordination**
   This component focuses on establishing, staffing and equipping the Economic Strategy Unit (ESU) under the Minister of Finance. Six (6) subject matter experts (economists, financial analyst, fiscal analyst, expenditure management and intergovernmental affairs) will be recruited under the project. The proposed ESU’s main activities will be to provide expert advice to the Minister of Finance, enhance coordination between finance and planning functions, and coordinate implementation of the various actions across government ministries and agencies required for meeting the benchmarks under the Staff Monitored Programs.

   (b) **Component 2: Enhancing Skills for Infrastructure Development**
   The component focuses on building Somalia’s expertise in upstream studies needed for the implementation of infrastructure projects, including the corridors program. This work will draw from and build on the findings of the Transport Sector Needs Assessments (TSNA) for Somalia, which was commissioned and sponsored by the Bank. These upstream studies will focus on targeted rehabilitation works for: Belet Weyne-Galkayo-Garowe road (including the link between Belet Weyn and Ferfer (Somalia/Ethiopia border)); Luuq, Ganane-Dolow road, and; Galkayo-Hobyo road.

   (c) **Component 3: Project Management**
   This component will entail monitoring and evaluation activities, external audit and Project management activities.

4. Procurement of goods and/or works and acquisition of the services will be in accordance with the Bank's Procurement Policy, 2015. Bidding documents are expected to be available in (May, 2019).

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

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