GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO

LESOTHO TAX MODERNISATION PROJECT

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The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho (GoL) has received a loan in the amount of UA 5 million from the African Development Bank to finance the Lesotho Tax Modernisation Project (LTMP). The Project will be executed by the Lesotho Revenue Authority, on behalf of GoL.

The overall development objective is to promote economic growth and poverty reduction by improving effectiveness of tax administration to create fiscal space (i.e. increased tax revenues) to finance the country’s development plan. The specific objective is to strengthen tax administration capacity by expanding the tax base, modernising collection and compliance procedures, amending and consolidating the legal framework, and strengthening the institutional framework.

The project will involve procurement of goods (i.e. the supply and installation of e-taxation hardware and software, VAT non-compliance detection solutions, data warehouse and business intelligence hardware and software) and the following methods will be used: International Competitive Bidding (ICB); National Competitive Bidding (NCB) and Shopping while consulting services which will be procured using Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS), Least Cost Selection (LCS) and the selection method for Individual Consultants (IC).

The Project has three main components: (a) Enhancing tax modernisation, (ii) Institutional strengthening, and (iii) Project Management Support.

Component 1: Enhancing tax modernisation: under this component the project will (a) introduce e-taxation that will allow online tax services (including registration, taxpayer relationship management, filing and payment); (b) adopt VAT non-compliance detection solution to increase VAT collection and enhance compliance through capturing information on VAT on real time basis; (c) business process re-engineering; and (d) broaden tax base through introducing simplified tax regime and streamlined tax procedures for small taxpayer.

Component 2: Institutional Strengthening: under this component the project will support:
(a) development and enactment of enabling legislation for effective implementation of the tax modernisation program including the implementation of the e-taxation, VAT non-compliance detection solutions, and simplified tax regime for small taxpayers; (b) designing and implementation of enterprise data warehouse and business intelligence in order to strengthen organizational capacity to analyse and produce accurate reports on tax revenue; (c) review and design organization structure and job profiles, and support leadership in change management; (d) prepare and rollout staff training program; and (e) develop gender mainstreaming strategy and implementation guideline.
Component 3: Project Management Support. The Project activities under this component include coordination, operational support, audit, monitoring and evaluation.

Procurement of goods (including non-consultancy services), and the acquisition of consulting services will be carried out in accordance with the Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations, dated October 2015. Bidding documents are expected to be available in January 2018.

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

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