1. The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has received a loan and grant from the African Development Fund in the amount of UA 98.78 million (USD152.12 million) and UA 0.25 million (USD 0.38 million) respectively, to finance the Agricultural Transformation Agenda Support Program, Phase-I (ATASP-1), and intends to apply this loan and grant for payments of goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under this program.

2. The Program is to contribute to the objectives of the Agricultural Transformation Agenda (ATA) of the Federal Government by addressing the constraints of Rice, Sorghum and Cassava value chains in four Crop Processing Zones of Adani-Omor, Bida-Badeggi, Kano-Jigawa, and Kebbi-Sokoto. The specific objectives of the Program are to contribute to food and nutrition security, employment generation, and wealth creation along the priority commodity value chains. The procurement mode under this project shall include: ICB, NCB, QCBS, QBS, and LCS.

3. All procurement of goods, works and acquisition of consulting services financed by the Bank will be in accordance with the Bank's Rules and Procedures for Procurement of Goods and Works, (2008, revised July 2012) and Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants, (2008, revised July 2012). Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Rules. Bidding documents are expected to be available in April 2015.

4. The Program will be implemented over a period of five years commencing in February, 2015 and comprises the following three complementary and mutually reinforcing components: (i) Infrastructure Development, (ii) Commodity Value Chain Development, and (iii) Program Management.

5. The Procurement activities will comprise Civil Works, Goods and Consulting Services as follows:

   (a) Civil works: Various civil works contracts for infrastructural development in the four processing zones including rehabilitation of production infrastructures (water control structure, canal turnout, canals desilting, flood protection dykes, land development etc.), rehabilitation of processing and marketing infrastructures (demonstration and technology centres, feeder roads and community market) and rehabilitation of ancillary works (health clinics, primary schools/creches, water boreholes and sanitation systems) will be procured.

   (b) Goods: Goods contracts for the four processing zones and the national office for the supply of vehicles (including motorcycles), office equipment (office furniture sets, computer and accessories, generators and audio visual aids), productivity enhancement equipment (tractors and tillage implements, power tillers, pneumatic cultivators, combined harvesters and other farm machineries) and community development equipment (health and school kits and rehabilitation of transformers and new generators for markets) will be procured centrally by the National Program Coordinating Team (NPCT).

   (c) Consulting Services: For the processing zones, the selection of consultants' contracts for the design and supervision of civil works, various studies for detailed soil
mapping surveys, needs assessment of FOs for each cluster, feasibility and scoping assessments, market research, and M&E survey; and technical assistance for database and information systems management; and for the national program coordinating team office, M&E baseline studies, studies for setting up M&E at the coordination units in the processing zones, impact assessment, environmental audit, ESMP implementation, procurement post review, financial audit, development of MIS and e-commerce, development of programme implementation manual, computerisation of accounting management, development of accounting procedure manual, development of M&E manuals, will be procured.

6. Interested bidders and service providers may obtain further information and confirm their interest by writing to:

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