GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Republic of Sierra Leone

Fund for African Private Sector Assistance (FAPA) and the Transition Support Facility (TSF) Pillar III:
Sierra Leone: Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment Project (YEEP)

1. The Republic of Sierra Leone has received a grant from the African Development Bank’s Fund for African Private Sector Assistance and the Transition Support Facility Pillar III to finance the Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment Technical Assistance Project.

The overall goal of the technical assistance project is to support the creation of integrated and sustainable systems linking the education/vocational institutions with the market (productive sectors) and thus strengthen entrepreneurship and create employment for the youth. The specific objective of this pilot project is to develop the capacity of youth support institutions and create working models for youth entrepreneurship and employment.

2. The aim of the TA project is to promote youth entrepreneurship through improving youth business skills and improving youth employability through empowering the youth with relevant skills for the job market. The principal objective of this pilot project is to provide career guidance and counseling to 2,400 youths; to train 20 TVET instructors; to enhance supervisory skills of at least 100 graduates in collaboration with private sector partners; to train 150 youth in three selected priority trades needed by the private sector, these will in addition go through a graduate internship program and will either be linked to employers or capacitated to become entrepreneurs; to support 60 youth to start and manage businesses through mentoring; and to enhance the image and attractiveness of TVETs. The project will procure light goods and consultancy services. The mode of procurement for goods will be shopping. Consultancy services will be procured on the basis of short-listing following the selection procedure of Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS), least cost selection (LCS) and individual consultant selection (ICS).

3. The project includes the following components:

Component 1: Skills Development for Employment: The objective of this component is to strengthen the TVET value chain including enhancing the image and attractiveness of TVETs, train TVET instructors, train youth in three selected priority trades needed by the private sector and enhance supervisory skills of graduates in collaboration with private sector partners;

Component 2: Career guidance and job readiness: The objective of this component is to design and implement a pilot program, in collaboration with partners in Sierra Leone, on career guidance and job readiness that will build interpersonal and soft skills of the youths, making them work-ready in terms of awareness of job market requirements and expected work ethic.

Component 3: Graduate entrepreneurship program: This component aims at developing entrepreneurial competencies of young graduates to create startup businesses. Emphasis will be placed on TVET and University graduates opting for entrepreneurship.

Component 4: Project Management, Coordination and Institutional Support: The objective of this component is to support the National Youth Commission of Sierra Leone in capacity building and skills transfer to enable the Government of Sierra Leone adopt and scale up the models once project is completed.

4. Procurement under the project will include: TVET Light Equipment, Tools and supplies, services of a consulting firm to support project implementation; audit services to be provided by an audit firm; monitoring and evaluation services to be provided by an individual consultant.

5. Bidding documents and/or Requests for Expressions of Interest are expected to be available starting from October 1, 2016. All procurement of goods will be in accordance with the national procurement system using national bidding documents acceptable to the Bank. All procurement of consulting services financed by the Bank will be in accordance with the Procurement Policy for the Bank Group funded operations dated October 2015, using the Bank’s standard bidding documents.
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should indicate their interest, by contacting:

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