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Request for Expressions of Interest (Consulting Firms) Supporting the Fiduciary Services & Inspection Department with Performing its Inspection Activities

1. The African Development Bank hereby invites **Consulting Firms** to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: **Supporting the Fiduciary Services & Inspection Department with Performing its Inspection Activities.**
2. The Fiduciary Services & Inspection Department (SNFI) of the African Development Bank (AfDB) acts as the custodian of the procurement (for public and private operations) and financial management (FM) profession. Among other responsibilities, SNFI has to inspect and report on the performance of fiduciary (Procurement and FM) activities undertaken under Bank-Financed Projects in Regional Country Members (RMCs). The aim of these inspections is to provide reasonable assurance that Bank's resources are being used as intended and are bringing value to the beneficiaries they are aimed to serve and to build the credibility and trust of the Bank in its regional countries and with other stakeholders.
3. The services to be provided under this Assignment includes conducting an independent physical verification of projects to:
 - Assess the project's fiduciary arrangements of selected Project Appraisal Reports approved by the Board of Directors to ensure that it is in a state of readiness according to the Bank's relevant policies and procedures for being successfully executed by the beneficiary of the loan/grant;
 - Review of financial management and procurement activities, at the time of implementation of the selected projects, to ensure that they are in conformity with the related Financial Agreements and associated documents;
 - Conduct in an organized manner independent physical inspections/verifications of the deliveries of selected projects, to ensure that current procurement and financial management controls, are in conformity with the contracts' provisions and that the beneficiaries are getting value-for-money through investments made by the funding provided by the Bank;
 - Verify whether the disbursement made corresponds to the physical progress on the ground; and the social and environmental safeguards as designed are effectively being implemented from procurement perspective; and

- Analyze the findings of the inspection missions with the aim of ensuring that the Bank's resources are being used as intended, identify gaps and shortfalls, propose corrective measures and make recommendations for ongoing projects and future Bank interventions.
4. The Fiduciary Services & Inspection Department intends to establish a roster of capable firms that are qualified to provide the above-mentioned services for Bank-financed projects across different sectors (power, infra-structure, water & sanitation, social, agriculture...etc.) under the Bank's High 5 priorities of its Ten-Year Strategy 2013–2022, and therefore hereby invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest. Interested eligible Consulting Firms or associations of Consulting Firms are required to provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the services (documentation, references for similar services, experience in comparable Assignments, availability of qualified staff, etc.).
 5. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank's Procurement Framework, October 2015 available on the Bank's Website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Please also note that the interest expressed by a Consulting Firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it in the shortlist.
 6. The Bank will conduct a competitive process amongst firms that will be included in the roster and the estimated starting date is November 2018.
 7. Interested firms may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank's working hours: **09h00 to 17h00 (Abidjan time)**.
 8. Expressions of interest must be received at the address below no later than **14 September 2018** at 17h00 local time and specifically mentioning **Supporting the Fiduciary Services & Inspection Department with Performing its Inspection Activities**.

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