

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES)**

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REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA AND REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

Kazungula Bridge Project

RECRUITMENT OF A TECHNICAL ASSISTANT (TA)

1. BACKGROUND

The Governments of Zambia and Botswana have received loans from the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the construction of a bridge and other facilities at the Kazungula border crossing between the two countries over the Zambezi River. The project has also received a grant from the EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund through association with the African Development Bank for specific technical assistance activities and the governments wish to utilize part of the grant for the recruitment of a Technical Assistant (TA).

The two Governments are therefore looking for a dynamic, motivated, creative and open minded individual for providing consulting services to support the day to day activities of the Kazungula Bridge Project Management Team (PMT) based in Kasane, Botswana.

Qualified Applicants that responded to the previous advertisement are encouraged to re-apply.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties of the Technical Assistant (TA), among others will be to:

- i) the finalization of the procurement process for the trade and transport facilitation component; and
- ii) assessment of possible management options of the bridge when completed.

The assignment will also generally entail preparation, evaluation and review of documents and support to the PMT with its day to day activities. The successful candidate will report to the Project Managers based at the Project Office in Kasane, Botswana.

3. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

The TA is expected to demonstrate sufficient capacity to deploy to the tasks on a full time basis and shall have proven experience in undertaking assignments of a similar nature.

He/She shall have at least a Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualifications in at least one of the following areas; Civil Engineering, International Trade, Economics, Trade Facilitation, Procurement and Management or any other related discipline and shall have at least 5 years of proven relevant work experience, specifically, trade facilitation, project management and procurement under multilateral financing. Postgraduate qualifications relevant to the above mentioned areas will be an added advantage.

He/She shall be competent in the use of standard software applications (MS Word, Power Point and EXCEL) and have excellent communication skills in English. Other necessary competencies amongst others include:

- Demonstrable analytical capacity for tasks that require qualitative and quantitative rigor;
- Concise and excellent writing skills; and
- Proof of similar assignments;.

Both women and men with requisite qualifications and experience are encouraged to apply.

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Evaluation of the above qualifications and experience will be done based on the following criteria and scores:

(i) Academic qualifications	40%;
(ii) Adequacy for the assignment	50%; and
(iii) Experience in region	10%.

Total weight **100%**

5. DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The assignment will be on a mutually agreed renewable twelve (12) months contract.

6. MODE OF APPLICATION

Interested candidates are required to apply to the under mentioned not later than 10:00hrs, 11th April, 2014. The applications should be accompanied with CVs and certified academic and professional certificates with the envelop bearing the title "TECHNICAL ASSISTANT FOR KAZUNGULA BRIDGE PROJECT", forwarded to the address below:

The applicant should provide: (i) full time contact mail address and mobile phone numbers; (ii) contact details of his/her Clients/Employers in the last 5 years and (iii) names of three referees and their contact mail addresses including mobile phone numbers.

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