Republic of Ghana

MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE (GPN)

SAVANNAH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (SIP)

1. The Government of Republic of Ghana has applied for a loan from the African Development Fund for UA25.0 million (equivalent to US$34.75 million) to finance SAVANNAH INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (SIP).

2. Programme development goal: The overall goal of the programme is to reduce importation of animal protein, enhance competitiveness of the poultry industry, improve small ruminants breeds and contribute to improved food and nutrition security.

Specific programme objectives: To increase national food and nutrition security as well as farmers’ incomes through: (i) increased agricultural productivity and diversification; and (ii) enhanced creation and strengthening of agribusinesses, to increase incomes of actors along selected value chains on a sustainable basis.

3. The programme includes the following components:

a) Access to Agriculture Finance:
   - Establish “Missing Middle Financing Vehicle” with Risk Sharing Facility (GIRSAL) to advance term loans to commercial farmers,
   - Establish Commercial Poultry Revolving Fund to finance inputs to small-to-medium scale poultry farmers,
   - Support Co-Financing Opportunities with Ghana Exim Bank, Agriculture Development Bank, etc

b) Production Development:
   - Increase the production of basic seeds, Production and promotion of certified hybrid maize and improved soybean seed, in collaboration with seed companies,
   - Support to land development and mechanisation services, Training of producers, pack house operators and exporters on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) issues relating to maize and Soybeans, Farmer mobilisation and awareness creation, Train project staff and farmers on Integrated Crop and Pest Management (ICPM), including biological control options for the management of Fall Army Worm (FAW) and aspergillus on Maize and Soybeans, Conduct surveillance and collect data on pests attacking the Maize and Soybeans in the project zones with specific reference to FAW

c) Agri-Business and Value Chain Development:
• Facilitate the setting up of a “Coordinating Company” by commercial farmers to coordinate activities and services,
• Promotion of quality standards for maize and soybean production, storage and processing,
• Support the establishment of small-to-medium scale poultry processing units at district level,
• Support business development, including improvements in business processes of existing commercial farmers,
• Enhance access to market information (e.g. quantity, quality, timing and pricing),

d) Project Management and Institutional Support:
• Development of annual work plan and budget, establishment of results-based monitoring and evaluation system, Conduct Beneficiary Impact Assessment, Conduct Project Mid-Term Review, Conduct Project Completion/Technical Review (PCR), Video and pictorial documentation of success stories, development and implementation of site specific ESMPs,
• Support to the coordination and implementation of Rearing for Food and Jobs, undertake relevant studies, including socio-economic surveys, soil suitability surveys, Implementation of the Gender Action Plan (GAP)

4. Procurement of goods and works, and acquisition of consulting services will be carried out in accordance with the “Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations” (BPM), dated October 2015.

5. Request for Expression of Interest for the acquisition of consultants for the provision of various Services and bidding documents for goods to be procured for project activities are expected to be issued in January 2020 while Bidding Documents for the procurement of works contracts are expected to be available in February 2020.

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

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