REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)

SUPPORT FOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION
AND OTHER AFRICAN UNION ORGANS PROJECT (P126848)
Grant No. IDA H9390

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: Implementation of e-Procurement Solution in African Union (AU) on SaaS Model

Reference No.: ET-AUC-184878-CS-QCBS

The African Union Commission has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the “Support for Capacity Development of the African Union Commission and Other African Union Organs Project (P126848)”, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Development Objective of the Project (P126848): Strengthen African Union Commission’s capacity to facilitate economic development results and transformation through enhanced institutional efficiency. This will be achieved by enhancing the AUC’s internal human resources and management systems, and supporting result-oriented external partnerships and collective actions designed to enhance the implementation of regional economic development initiatives in priority areas (e.g. regional trade, energy, infrastructure, governance, natural resource management) for the benefit of African Union member states, the Regional Economic Communities and African citizens.

Specific Objective of the Assignment

The African Union Commission under this project is aspiring to achieve an enhanced corporate governance and management systems in procurement planning, sourcing and contract management processes. Below are the specific areas where the AU will anticipate to enhance its procurement operations.

a) Good governance: Transparency, accountability, efficiency, effectiveness & predictability, corruption control, easy access, rule of law & equity and social awareness.

b) Value for Money: VFM through informed procurement management

c) Socio-Economic Development: Adherence to AU Financial Regulation, AU Strategic Plan and Agenda 2063. Technological enablement, quick market access, informed planning, contribution to green procurement, better investment environment.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: (https://au.int/en/bids) or can be obtained at the address given below.

The African Union Commission now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

a) Qualifications and experience of the firm; (Please see the ToR for details)

b) Relevant experience related to the assignment (Please see the ToR for details)

c) Technical organization and management of the firm, including Support during use of the software. Please also indicate the firm’s payment modalities while using the e-procurement system.
The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **8:00-13:00hrs and 14:00-17:00 hours, Addis Ababa Time**.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form following the **above shortlisting criteria** to the address below (by e-mail) by **September 16, 2020** at 14:00 Hours Local Time, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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