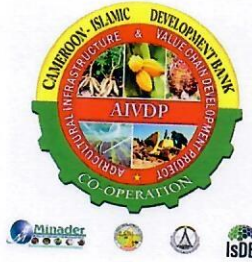


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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

COUNTRY: Cameroon

NAME OF PROJECT: Agriculture Infrastructure and Value Chain Development Project (AIVDP)

SECTOR: Agriculture and Rural Development

CONSULTING SERVICES: *AIVDP Islamic Microfinance Consultancy*

MODE OF FINANCING: LOAN

FINANCING No. : *CMR1011*

The Government of Cameroon has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) toward the cost of the Agriculture Infrastructure and Value Chain Development Project (AIVDP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services.

The services include to make operational Islamic Microfinance in the network of 85 village banks (or barns) of SWAVIB Coop. Finance) in the South West Region. Pilot the line of financing through SWAVIB and village banks (or village barns)

- Build the capacity of SWAVIB staff on Islamic microfinance methodology,
- Develop standard financing contracts, process design, mark-ups/profits and manual of procedures,
- Carry out studies to determine the actual cost of lending to estimate appropriate lending rate for various modes of Islamic Micro-finance,

- Develop Islamic microfinance training plan with comprehensive modules and conducting training of master trainers
- Put in place regulatory banking structures for operations of Islamic microfinance.
- The duration of the implementation of the assignment has been fixed for 12 months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are accessible on the Project's Website (see address below).

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

The Shortlisting Criteria are:

| No. | Function | Qualifications | Professional Experience |
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| 1. | Team Leader (Expert in Islamic microfinance) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least a Masters' Degree in any relevant field (Business Administration, Accountancy, Economics, Finance, Banking, Agriculture, etc.) or its equivalent - Expertise in sharia and Islamic lending principles - Fluency in written and spoken English is essential. - Working knowledge of French would be an advantage - Computer literacy including ability to use the advanced functions of MS office to create reports and customised spreadsheets for financial analysis and reporting purposes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 10 years in rural microfinance - At least 5 years of relevant work experience in Islamic Micro-finance Relevant professional experience in Sub-Saharan Africa is an asset |
| 2. | Training Manager | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masters' Degree in Microfinance, Economics, Accounting, Finance, Business or other relevant field. - At least five (05) years of training in microfinance and/or finance experience. Expertise in sharia and Islamic lending principles - Fluency in written and spoken English is essential. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimum 10 years in rural microfinance - Minimum 5 years of relevant work experience in an Islamic Micro-finance - Practical experience and proven track record of being a key member in successful capacity |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working knowledge of French would be an advantage - Computer literacy including ability to use the advanced functions of MS office to create reports and customized spreadsheets for financial analysis and reporting purposes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> building in microfinance or Islamic microfinance - Have full working knowledge of English in written and oral form and computer software such as, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc. |
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The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the "Procurement Guidelines"), setting forth IsDB'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 among Short-list of Member Country firms (QCBS/MC)** method set out in the Procurement Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 08:00 to 17:00 hours (local time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **Friday, 25th November 2022 at 5pm** at the latest.

The address referred to above is:

Agriculture Infrastructure and Value Chain Development Project (AIVDP)

Attention: Dr. Besong NTUI OGORK, Project Coordinator,

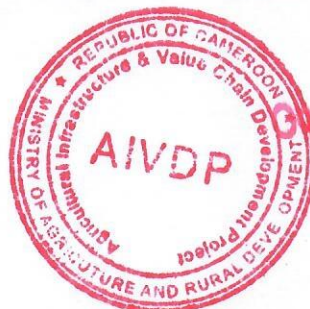
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