

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Pre-Qualification of Kuwaiti Consulting Firms (KCFs)

CREDIT NO : 1038

Assignment Title: Design and Construction Supervision Consulting Services

REFERENCE No: 01

Introduction

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (Ministry) has received financing from The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) towards the cost of Agricultural Development in Brazzaville and Pool Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The Project will finance civil engineering and electromechanical works for the construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure in targeted areas: irrigation, water supply, access roads, electricity, multi-purpose buildings, laboratories, poultry houses, equipment and others. The Project Management Unit (PMU) of the Ministry will be in charge of oversight of Project implementation.

Objectives

The objectives of the consultancy services are, but not limited to: (1) carrying out the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Study and monitor the implementation of its recommendations; (2) carry out investigation and discovery site by site and coordinate with the PMU to identify the lands required for the new structures to be built; (3) carry out needs assessment studies in the Project target areas for the next 20 years; (4) carry out engineering design related to rehabilitation works and new structures taking into consideration land topography, hydrology, and seismic activity; (5) examine the quality of water produced from the bore holes in each site to ensure adherence to drinking water standards. If the quality is not suitable for human consumption, propose treatment measures (6) coordinate with the PMU the grouping of works under well-defined lots (7) prepare tender documents inclusive of engineering designs for each lot for the selection of contractors (8) assist the PMU, and any evaluation committee to be established, for the evaluation of submitted bids including award recommendations (9) supervise the execution of works contracts (10) prepare (a) inception report, (b) monthly progress reports and (c) project completion report.

Consultant Selection Criteria

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries now invites KCFs 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 on sole basis at this stage on required qualifications and experience of the firm are:

- Experience in the assignment, including technical and managerial capability of the firm
- Number of years in business working on the area of the Assignment.
- Reference to at least three assignments of similar nature and size carried out in the last 5 years. Include persons or institutions of the government and their contact addresses (phone, email) related to these assignments who can be contacted for reference.
- Proposed tentative consultant team.

The attention of interested KCFs is drawn to the following provisions that will be highlighted in the Request for Proposals to be issued to shortlisted KCFs.

- The Consultants will be expected to have no conflict of interest with other assignments or its own cooperate interests and acting without any consideration for future work.
- The consultant has no personal or business relationship with the Procuring Entity's senior management or professional staff.
- A firm or an individual in the firm has not been sanctioned by the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority or are under a suspension or a debarment imposed by any other entity of the Government of The Republic of Congo, or any international organization.
- Government-Owned enterprises or institutions of The Republic of Congo Government officials and civil servants and employees of public institutions may not be eligible.

Composition of Joint-Venture Consultancy Team

KCFs may associate with other Local Consultant firms (LCFs) to enhance their qualifications but should be in the form of a joint venture. The composition of KCFs team should be structured on a 50/50 basis in terms of staff and scope of work with the LCFs. The procurement procedure will be carried out in two steps, a prequalification step followed by invitation to bid step. Step One will be carried out before joint venture formation and should generate two separate short lists, qualified KCFs on sole basis and another short list of qualified LCFs on sole basis. Step Two is to invite the shortlisted KCFs as the lead consultant to choose a partner from the shortlisted LCFs and bid together as a joint venture. The names and contact details of the shortlisted LCFs will appear in the tender document that the KCFs will receive. The bids shall be submitted in two separate envelopes, the technical proposal envelop and the financial offer envelop each so marked. The selected joint venture will sign a contract with the Ministry.

Selection-method and Type of Contract

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

Supplementary Information

Further information can be obtained through the PMU at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by postal mail, or by email) by November 30, 2020, at 11 a.m (30 days). Further information is available in the Terms of Reference, linked here for your review pdacmaep@yahoo.fr . Interested consultants will find the addresses and websites listed below, which they can use to submit their applications.

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