

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Second Public Financial Management Capacity Strengthening Project

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

Project ID: **P151492**

TF#: **OA0388**

Assignment Title: **Strengthening the Integrity Pillars**

Reference No.: **MOF/PFMII/QCBS/2015/0050**

The Federal Republic of Somalia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the “Second Public Financial Management Capacity-Strengthening Project” (SPFMCSP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant for consulting services.

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) of the Federal Republic of Somalia (FRS) has undertaken the SPFMCSP with the objective to achieve overall fiscal discipline that ensures effective use of public funds and avoids fiscal waste. The project refers to the legal and institutional framework for supervising all phases of the budget cycle, including formulation and preparation of the budget, budget execution and expenditure management, internal controls and audit, procurement, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and external audit.

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

The Consulting firm is required to support the MOF for the following reform activities:

Foundations for Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI): Supporting the enactment, translating and disseminating of the new Audit Act; developing a Strategy and Development Action Plan intended to be used to establish how well a SAI performs compared to international good practices; accreditation on application of International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAI¹); implementing Risk Based Auditing (RBA) procedures manuals (including translation) and conduct of on the job training; providing training on use of Computer Aided Audit Techniques; supporting intra-regional/sub-regional peer learning events.

Planning, finance and public accounts committee (PAC): Strengthening of the planning, finance and PAC Secretariat with procedures to analyze budget, financial statements and audit reports and provide technical advisory services to the committee members for conducting well-structured public hearings and vetting minutes with the Chairman before finalization; designing a sanction regime with follow-up mechanisms to ensure that audited bodies prepare an action plan based on SAI observations and PAC recommendations; designing a framework for collaboration with the media and non-state actors to promote outreach for the work of the

¹ <http://www.issai.org/>

committee(s); training and peer-learning for committee members and Secretariat staff; providing legal advisory services to facilitate passage of relevant PFM Bills.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Ministry of Finance of the Federal Republic of Somalia now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) in providing the above services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, and availability of appropriate skills). The shortlisting criteria are:

The EOIs will be reviewed on the basis of the following to prepare a shortlist:

- Background of the firm(s): summarizing their areas of expertise 1) organizational capability 2) years of experience of the firm 3) Size of the firm;
- General and overall experience of the firm(s);
- Relevant experience and summary of similar projects undertaken by the firm(s);
- Availability of appropriate skills amongst staff.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011) (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Please visit www.worldbank.org setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. In addition, *please refer to specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 1.9 of Consultant Guidelines.*

.Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained by sending email requests at the email address below. Expressions of interest must be delivered (in person, by mail, or by e-mail) in a written form in three (3) hard copies to the address below by **5 pm September 23, 2015.**

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