

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: Revenue Mobilization and Tax Administration

Reference No.: MOF/PFMII/QCBS/2015/0040

The Federal republic of Somalia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the “Second public financial management capacity-strengthening project” (SPFMCSPP) 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 SPFMCSPP 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:

- Formulating tax policy gap analysis and revenue policy potential report with concrete measures (policy, law, strategy, organizational structure, training needs etc) to close the tax gap;
- Conducting tax education and awareness campaigns for the legislature, cabinet, businesses, citizens, professional organizations etc;
- Segmenting of taxpayers convention for the tax administration;
- Recommending a framework for for unique Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) linked to business registration system;
- Re-engineering business processes and procedures for collection and payments to maintain up-to-date tax records;
- Training for tax policy formulation, assessment, audit etc based on the training needs assessment;
- Undertaking baseline diagnostic of tax administration performance and improvement plan;

- Supporting the FGS towards membership of World Customs Organization (WCO) that will allow the use of the Harmonized System Codes (HS Code¹) that will be used to specify tariffs and exemptions to determine valuation for customs using a range of pre-defined values for each HS Code.

Implementation of the Services will be phased over a period of **three years** according to the proposed methodology and approach and activity schedule to achieve the deliverables.

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).

Qualification Criteria

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) Age of the firm 3) Size of the firm;
- General and overall experience of the firm(s);
- 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 indicated Guidelines.

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

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¹ The HS Code was created and is administered by the Brussels-based World Customs Organization (WCO) - http://www.wcoomd.org/en/topics/nomenclature/instrument-and-tools/hs_nomenclature_2012.aspx

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