

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTANCY SERVICES (FIRM) REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

Title: Consultancy to undertake a study to identify a pipeline of interventions to stimulate youth entrepreneurship, and development of high-impact and innovative interventions to build capacity and growth of youth-owned or led MSMEs and start-ups in Botswana in line with the Africa Growth Platform.

Sector: Social

1. The Government of the Republic of Botswana has received financing from the African Development Bank under the Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation Multi Donor Trust Fund (YEI MDTF) to assist in the Scaling Up and Accelerating Youth Entrepreneurship in Botswana (SAYEB). The overall objective of the project is to identify and develop interventions for stimulating youth entrepreneurship and building capacity of youth-owned or led MSMEs and start-ups in Botswana.

2. The project is being implemented under the Ministry of Entrepreneurship, with the Local Enterprise Authority being the Implementing Agency.

3. The Local Enterprise Authority now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing consultancy services as summarized in 4. below. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Consultants must provide, as part of their application, names and contact details of organizations for which the consultant has completed projects in the immediate past 5 years, which are similar in nature to the scope of this assignment. The Summary of similar assignments executed successfully should be in form of letters of engagement or equivalent. Consultants may constitute Joint Ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

4. Procuring Entity's Objectives

The purpose of this Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) is to identify qualified service providers to;

4.1. Conduct a detailed study for the identification of a pipeline of at least five (5) high-impact, bankable and sustainable interventions in line with the Africa Growth Platform program objectives to stimulate youth entrepreneurship in Botswana.

4.2. Develop detailed project implementation plans for two (2) prioritised interventions from the identified pipeline of interventions.

5. Overview of the Required Service

The Service Provider is required to undertake a study, through a short-term contract, that will provide a clear understanding of the current youth entrepreneurship eco-system, and identify at least five interventions that will enhance the eco-system to accelerate the growth of youth entrepreneurship. The Service Provider will also develop detailed bankable implementation plans for two prioritised interventions.

6. Eligibility criteria

Establishment of the shortlist and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants "October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>

To qualify for shortlisting, the consultancy firm must demonstrate they have:

- Bidder similar sector and geographical experience.
- Successful completion of substantially similar assignments
- Availability of appropriate skills among key staff

The consultant firm must be prepared to carry out work in Botswana. The consultancy services will be carried out over a period of **five (5) months**.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below or via e-mail to (tendersecretary@lea.co.bw) during office hours that is **8:00-1245hrs** and **1400- 1700hrs**.

Expressions of interest must be submitted to the email address (tendersecretary@lea.co.bw) by **12 June 2023 (CAT)** with the email subject titled: **Consultancy to undertake a study to identify a pipeline of interventions to stimulate youth entrepreneurship**.