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Department of Economic Affairs and Agriculture
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

REQUEST EXPRESSION OF INTEREST N° 08/CEDEAO/DADR/2024

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Title: RECRUITMENT OF AN IT FIRM TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECOWAP E-LEARNING PLATFORM.

I. Context

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), represented by the Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD), plans to finance a mission from its 2024 budget to **support the development of the ECOWAP e-learning platform**. To carry out this activity, the ECOWAS Commission plans to recruit a consultancy firm to *carry out the assignment*.

II. Objectives

The overall objective is to improve access to agricultural information that can create an enabling environment with quality, factual, and timely information that could help boost productivity and facilitate market access by **(1)** improving knowledge sharing on important issues for productivity, market access, access to finance through the implementation of e-learning, **(2)** improving farmers' learning through the implementation of an innovative capacity building strategy.

III. Mission of the firm

The firm's primary mission is to facilitate the development of a robust and effective e-learning platform that meets the information needs of young people, farmers, and researchers in the agricultural sector in West Africa.

The specific objectives are as follows:

- Developing a user-friendly interface for the e-learning platform.
- Integrate interactive features to improve user engagement and the learning experience.
- Develop APIs to ensure interoperability with ECOWAP's existing monitoring and evaluation system.
- Ensuring the scalability, security, and performance of the e-learning platform.

IV. Profile required of the firm

The firm must provide evidence of its technical capability to undertake this assignment. This includes its ability to deliver the results on time and evidence of previous experience (relevant capacity and expertise, training, and platform development).

- Proven experience in software engineering.
- Good experience in implementing web platforms using Agile or Scrum methodology.
- Demonstrate its capacity (staff and authorization) to train or transfer skills on the platforms and/or products used.
- Have developed and deployed at least 5 web and/or mobile applications in recent years,
- At least 3 years' professional experience in programming web and mobile applications,
- At least 3 years' solid experience in information systems management and web development
- Practical experience with network diagnosis and analysis tools,
- Experience in managing similar platform development projects.

V. Selection criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the following evaluation criteria and scoring scales:

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N°	Assessment criteria	Grading scale
I	General qualifications (education and general experience)	30 points
I-1	Proven experience in software engineering.	10
I-2	Good experience in implementing a web platform using Agile or Scrum methodology.	5
I-3	Have developed and deployed at least 5 web and/or mobile applications in the last 5 years.	15
II	Specific experience related to the assignment	60 points
II-1	At least 3 years of professional experience in programming web and mobile applications	15
II-2	At least 3 years of solid experience in information systems management and web development	25
II-3	Experience in managing similar platform development projects.	20
III	Language skills	10 points
III-1	Ability to communicate effectively in an official ECOWAS language, English, French, and Portuguese.	7
III-2	A working knowledge of a second language would be an advantage	3
	TOTAL MARKS	100 points

The minimum qualifying score is 70 points out of 100.

NB: the prerequisite and mandatory conditions to be met are the presentation of certificates of service rendered concerning the execution of similar contracts relating to activities, studies, and/or exercises connected with the assignment. Similar services not supported by legible copies of the cover sheets, signatures of the contracts performed, and certificates of successful completion will not be considered in the evaluation.

VI. Selection method:

The eligibility criteria, the establishment of the shortlist, as well as the selection procedure, will be in accordance with the ECOWAS Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" (ECOWAS Procurement Code, revised version 2023), available on its website: http://www.ecowas.int. The selection method is **Consultant Qualification**.

VII. Duration

The total duration of the consultant's assignment is 30 days over three (3) months from the date indicated in the notification of the service order for the start of the assignment.

VIII. Preparing and submitting applications

Applicants must provide a file containing:
- A covering letter.
- Copies of contracts or certificates for previous services.
- Up-to-date administrative documents from the firm

Expressions of interest should be submitted with the following subject line "*Expressions of interest for the recruitment of an IT firm to support the development of the ECOWAP e-Learning Platform*".

Interested firms can obtain further information at the address below during office opening hours, **Monday to Friday, 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m**.

Applications must be sent to the following e-mail address: Procurement@ecowas.int and copy: cedeao.phasao.ugp@gmail.com ; atraore@ecowas.int; Director of Agriculture and Rural Development; sbangoura@ecowas.int, Director of Administration and General Service, ikkamara@ecowas.int ; Head of Procurement Division no later than **09 October 2024 at 11:59 PM GMT+1,** *Nigeria time.*

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