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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT EXTERNAL AUDIT FIRM

Country: Nigeria

Name of project: Western Africa Regional Digital Integration Program Digital Transformation (WARDIP)

Grant No.: E264-3W

Assignment Title: Recruitment of WARDIP Project External Audit Firm

Reference No.: NG-WARDIP-ECOWAS-418424-CS-LCS

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of implementing the Digital Transformation for Africa/ Western Africa Regional Digital Integration Program (DTfA/WARDIP) SOP-1 and intends to apply part of the proceeds for external audit consulting services.

The requested consulting services (“the Services”) include auditing and expressing a professional opinion(s) on the financial position of the project at the end of each financial year, and on funds received and expenditures incurred for the relevant accounting period and to ensure that the resources made available to the project are used for the purposes for which they were granted with a view to achieving the development objectives of the project as stated in the Financing Agreement.

The tenure of this audit shall, in line with extant arrangements be for three financial years and shall cover the fiscal years of 2024 to 2026, which shall cover the period from 1st January to December every financial year and will be carried out within ninety (90) days after the end of each financial year.

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) now invites eligible audit firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. **The qualifications and relevant experience of the consultants must be supported by documents such as copies of contracts, certificates of good performance, etc. The absence of supporting documents is eliminatory**

The shortlisting criteria are:

- (a) The Consultant must be an independent Audit and Chartered Accountancy Firm, having regular practice of auditing accounts, regularly registered in an Order of Chartered Accountants

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- recognized internationally by IFAC or FIDEF, having a confirmed experience (by a certificate of successful completion) in financial audit of development projects and acceptable to IDA.
- (b) The firm must have general experience of at least 10 years and have performed at least two (2) audits of regional projects/programs financed by the World Bank.
 - (c) Similar experience in West Africa and with sub-regional development organizations would be an additional asset.
 - (d) Similar experience in digital sector projects will also be an additional asset.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" fourth edition November 2020.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Least Cost based Selection (LCS) method** set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office 0900 to 1700 hours Nigerian time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail by **15th November 2024 at 4pm GMT+1 Nigerian Time.**

ECOWAS Commission

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