

REPUBLIC OF KENYA



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR PROVISION OF AUDIT SERVICES TO AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME (ASDSP) PHASE II

Background:

Kenya is a democratic country governed by a constitution promulgated in 2010 creating two levels of governments, the National and County with clearly defined functions. The country is fairly food secure but 11% of the children are undernourished, 26% under-five are stunted and 4% wasted. Kenya's agriculture is predominantly small-scale mainly in the medium and high-rainfall areas that constitute 16% of the total land mass. The remaining 84% is arid and semi-arid land suitable for crop production, extensive livestock production and irrigated agriculture. The Kenya Vision 2030 identifies agriculture as the key sector that will help deliver the 10 percent annual economic growth target. Agriculture remains the most important economic activity in Kenya contributing about 30% to the Gross Domestic Product. In addition, it accounts for 27% of GDP through manufacturing, distribution and service sectors, accounts for 65% of the total export earnings and employs 80% of rural workforce and 18% of the formal employment. In this respect, the sector developed the agricultural sector Development strategy (ASDS) that focuses on achieving an average agricultural gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate of 7% per annum, and increasing the contribution of agriculture to GDP by more than Kshs.80 billion as identified in the vision. In efforts to achieve these goals, the Kenya's Agricultural sector formulated a sector wide programme, the Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme (ASDSP) which covered all the 47 counties and was implemented for 5 years.

ASDSP I which was initiated in January 2012 was a five-year programme ending December 2016 co-financed by the Government of Kenya and the Government of Sweden. However, in early 2016, the two governments agreed to extend the ASDSP I implementation period by six months through a no-cost extension to June 2017. Based on the success of the ASDSP I and lessons learnt as a nation-wide Value Chain and Sector development support programme, the two governments also agreed to initiate the design of a five-year second phase of Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme. ASDSP II will consequently be implemented from July 2017 to June 2022. ASDSP II will maintain the overall focus and approach of ASDSP I, which has proven to be relevant and effective. However, the design of the new Programme has been adapted to reflect the current institutional and policy setting in the Sector. In this respect, ASDSP II provides a bigger responsibility to the county governments in line with the devolved functions. Moreover, while the ASDSP II aims to consolidate effective and relevant ASDSP I approaches and results, it also provides an opportunity to adopt and implement approaches and structures that were not fully realized during ASDSP I, to ensure that they effectively support Programme objectives.

The programme has provision for audit services as provided for in The Government financial management Act Chapter 412B 2009 edition and the specific Agreement between the Government of Kenya and Government of Sweden as represented by Swedish International Development Agency (**Sida**).

Service description: The objective of the assignment is to carry out an independent audit for the programme and provide certification that funds and other resources have been applied to the programme activities, that they have been fully accounted for and that when utilized provided value for money. The audit is, in addition, to confirm that the programme complies in all respects with the Agreements between Sida and GOK and complement the public audit system.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, through state Department of Agriculture now invites eligible audit firms to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for provision of audit services. Interested eligible firms are to meet the following mandatory criteria:-

- i. Detailed company profile
- ii. Copies of Registration and Tax Compliance Certificate (for local firms while foreign firms submit the equivalent in their countries)
- iii. Demonstrate the ability and capacity to undertake the assignment (include works in the past, client list and successful past partnerships)
- iv. Financial capability (submit audited accounts for the last three (3) years)
- v. Must adhere to IPSAS
- vi. Registered and physical address and contacts

Completed expression of Interest documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked "**EOI FOR PROVISION OF AUDIT SERVICES TO ASDSP II**" and **DO NOT OPEN BEFORE 11.00am 15th November, 2017**. The completed tender documents should be posted to reach the address shown below on or before **15th November, 2017 at 11.00am**, East African time or placed in the tender Box marked '**STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TENDER BOX**' situated at the main Reception, Kilimo House on or before the said date and time.

Expression of interest documents will be opened in the presence of firm's representatives who choose to attend at 11.00am, East African time on 15th November, 2017 at State Department of Agriculture conference Room, Kilimo House 7th floor, Cathedral Road, NAIROBI whose address is shown below:

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Interested bidders can also access the above information from the link given: **<http://simap.europa.eu/enotices/changeLanguage.do?language=en>** and Agricultural Sector Development support Programme (ASDSP) Website: **www.asdsp.co.ke**

Late documents shall be rejected and returned to the firms unopened. short listed firms will subsequently be issued with Request for Proposal (RFP) with specific terms of Reference.

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FOR: THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY