

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country: Germany
Name of project: EMERGe
Project No.: P504220

Assignment Title: Digitalization of selected processes at PIs (other processes) (OXUS Credit Risk Management Tools)

Reference No. ACGF/EMERGe/C-15

ACGF has received from the World Bank toward the cost of the EMERGe and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") encompass a consultancy assignment to improve one of ACGF's Partner Institution's credit risk management processes. The Consultant will be responsible for reviewing and updating our credit risk management tools and processes, ensuring alignment with international best practices and local requirements, and providing advanced training for risk officers at OXUS. The estimated Level of Effort (LoE) is 54 professional staff-days. The project will be implemented over 3.5 months and is expected to start on October 6, 2024.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

ACGF now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. From the Consultants that submit an Expression of Interest, ACGF will select the Consultant with the best qualifications and relevant experience and invites it to submit its technical and financial Proposals for negotiations according to the following criteria:

- a) The Consultant should be a registered legal entity and should have been in business for the last 5 years in providing Consultancy Services. (The Consultant is required to provide the Copy Certificate of Incorporation issued by the relevant authority in the country of establishment).
- b) The Consultant shall provide proof of experience for completing a minimum of 2 contracts exceeding a value of USD 150 thousand during the last 5 years of a similar nature by including project references indicating the content,

- duration, value, and years of performance, which should showcase the expertise / strength of the consultant for undertaking such assignments.
- c) Critical analysis of the TOR and proposed methodology for the assignment.
 - d) Available pool of experts' disposable to the Consultant and suitable to implement the assignment. (Specific Key Experts to implement the assignment will only be evaluated as part of the technical and financial proposal.)

Guidance Note for JV and Sub-Consultants:

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.

The requirements for Consultants who intend to associate with other firm(s) in the form of a Joint Venture (JV) or Consortium or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications are indicated as under:

- i. The lead partner is required to be identified clearly and state the composition and nature of their association (JV/ sub-consultant) in their EOI.
- ii. In case of a sub-consultancy, the lead partner **shall provide a valid reason for proposing a sub-consultant.**

Note: The Consultant should explain the exact role played by the Consultant in the assignment if the assignment was carried out in association with other firms as JV.

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 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. The World Bank requires that firms or individuals involved in Bank IPF procurement shall not have a conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the e-mail address below.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form by e-mail to the address below by **July 17, 2024**.

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