





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

Engagement of a Firm for the Financial and Administrative Audit of ECOWAS-SPAIN Migration and Development Fund 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020,2021, 2022 and 2023 (Final Audit)

Spain and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) decided to cooperate in establishing the ECOWAS-Spain Fund for Migration and Development.

Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) intends to apply part of the proceeds for the Engagement of a Firm for the Financial and Administrative Audit of ECOWAS-SPAIN Migration and Development Fund 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 (Final Audit).

The consulting services ("the Services") is to ensure viability of the Fund's procedures, accuracy of accounts and expenditure. Through the exercise, the auditor will be able to express an opinion on the following factors:

The financial report is expected to be accurate in all the significant aspects of expenditure and income actually received in the course of the financial years in accordance with the applicable contract terms

- Resources allocated to the Fund by Spain and the ECOWAS Commission have, in all their relevantaspects, been used in accordance with the applicable contract terms.
- The internal control systems set up and used to manage risks involved in the implementation of the project objectives w adequately designed and effectively implemented during the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020,2021, 2022 and 2023 financial years.

The engagement commences from contract effective date for a period of two (2) months. The payments shall be done in line with contract's schedule.

The ECOWAS Commission 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.

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 eligibility criteria, the preparation of shortlist, and the selection procedure shall comply with the ECOWAS Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" (ECOWAS Procurement Code), available on its website: http://www.ecowas.int. The selection procedure will be based on Consultant's Qualification-based Selection (CQ), which present the best profiles with all claims dully substantiated, shall be drawn up for further consideration after the expression of interest. Also, firms that are part of an international network are to submit only one expression of interest as a network.

The attention of interested Consulting firms is particularly drawn to Article 118 of the ECOWAS Revised Procurement Code ("Infringements by Candidates, Bidders and Awardees"), providing information on corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or executing a contract. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per "Article 1119 of the ECOWAS Revised Procurement Code.

Interested Consultants can obtain further information at the e-mail addresses mentioned below during working hours: 9.00am - 1.00pm, Nigerian Time, (GMT + 1) Mondays through Fridays (except public holidays): (Abuja Time): sbangoura@ecowas.int with copy to procurement@ecowas.int, ikkamara@ecowas.int; rguira@ecowas.int; rguira@ecowas.int

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form one (1) signed original plus two (2) copies) in person to the address below, not later than Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 11:00 am (GMT+1), Nigerian Time and must be clearly marked: "Expressions of Interest for the for the Financial and Administrative Audit of ECOWAS-SPAIN Migration and Development Fund 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020,2021, 2022 and 2023 (Final Audit)".

For the delivery in person or by registered mail

ECOWAS Commission, Directorate of General Administration, Procurement Division, Plot 101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, Abuja, NIGERIA.

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The working languages shall be **English and French**. The Expression of Interest should be submitted in **English and French**

This request for EOI can be viewed on ECOWAS' Website.