



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTANT SERVICES – SELECTION OF FIRMS)**

COUNTRY : Federal Republic of Nigeria

NAME OF PROJECT: Special Agro - Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZ) Project

SECTOR: Agriculture

CONSULTING SERVICES: Transaction Advisory Services

Mode of Financing: Service Ijara

Financing No. NGA 1040

The Federal Republic of Nigeria has received financing from the Islamic Development Bank toward the cost of the Special Agro - Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZ) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultant services for the engagement of a Transaction Advisor.

The SAPZ is a major investment program driven by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security in partnership with the state government aimed at developing agro-processing clusters in areas of high agricultural production across the country. The SAPZ will be made up of two building blocks which include the Agricultural Transformation Centre (ATC), a community-based rural institution in charge of production clusters and the Aggregation Centre (AC), and the Agro-Industrial Hub (AIH) being equipped with desirable state-of-the art infrastructure. The project has five-year implementation period commencing from 2023. The project states of FCT, Kano and Kwara will each require the services of one transaction advisor.

The services include assistance in the implementation of the SAPZ by working on the Project with the key stakeholders at the Federal and state levels and rendering both technical and financial advisory responsibilities. The implementation period for the services is eighteen months with effect from the date of signing the contract with an estimated 129 months professional staff months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: fmard.gov.ng or can be obtained at the address given below.

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants must provide specific information which demonstrates that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

- The shortlisting criteria are:
 - (1) Firm's general experiences, qualification and managerial ability.
 - (2) Firm's Financial/Account Information with Evidence of Tax Clearance (TCC) and Audited Accounts for 2020, 2021 & 2022.

- (3) Firm's Specific experience in transaction advisory services in projects with similar nature
- (4) Availability of relevant personnel
- (5) Firm's similar experience in Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) funded projects.

Note: The qualifications and experience of key experts shall not be included in the shortlisting criteria. Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Paragraphs, 1.23, and 1.24 of the Guidelines for Procurement of Consultant Services under Islamic Development Bank Project Financing (the "Procurement Guidelines"), setting forth IsDB's policy on conflict of interest.

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 Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours i.e. 10:00 to 16:00 hours (Local Time)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person by 12Noon, 20th December, 2023.

Signed

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