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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

CONSULTANCY FOR Thematic Expert for GMES & AFRICA

PROCUREMENT NUMBER: AUC/ESTI/CS/008

SECTION I: LETTER OF INVITATION

16 June 2023

Dear Applicants,

REF: CONSULTANCY AS Thematic Expert for GMES & AFRICA

1. The African Union Commission wishes to recruit highly qualified African experts to undertake the above assignment. The AUC now invites interested **Individual Consultants** to submit CVs for the assignment as per attached Terms of Reference (TORS).
2. A Consultant will be selected under the Fixed Budget Selection Method and the pass mark shall be 70%. The budget is indicated in the ToRs.
3. The Eols must include the following:
 - (i) A Cover Letter outlining the understanding of the assignment and methodology
 - (ii) CV demonstrating experience with similar assignments.
4. The Eols must be submitted to the following e-mail address: tender@africa-union.org with a copy to zerihuna@africa-union.org
5. The title of the Procurement and Procurement Number must appear as subject of e-mail submissions
6. The Deadline for submission of Eols is **1500** Addis Ababa Time, on **30 June 2023**. Late applications will not be considered.
7. This call for Request for Expressions of Interest comprise of the following:
Section I – This Letter of Invitation
Section II - Terms of Reference

Yours sincerely,

Head, Supply Chain Division

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Thematic Expert for GMES & AFRICA

1. Background

The Global Monitoring of the Environment and Security in Africa (GMES & Africa) is a Pan African earth observation programme designed to promote the management of the environment and natural resources on the continent. Administered by the Department of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of the African Union Commission, the programme works with regional and national institutions across the five regions of Africa to implement grassroots projects in support of sustainable development. It strengthens the capacity of African policy-makers, planners, scientists, businesses, the private sector and citizens in the use of earth observation data and derived information.

2. Purpose and scope of assignment

The purpose of the assignment is to provide support and strengthen the overall thematic outputs of GMES and Africa regarding use of EO to support African sustainable development. It intends to strengthen the capacity of GMES & Africa Programme Management Unit (PMU) for the implementation of the GMES & Africa phase 2. In this pursuit, the commission invites applicants who are citizens of Member States to fill the consultant position of Senior Scientific Officer for GMES & Africa programme. The Consultant will work with GMES and Africa's Programme Management Unit (PMU) and interact, within the scope of his/her duties, with other relevant functionaries as well as GMES and Africa consortia of institutions.

3. Major duties and responsibilities:

Under the direct supervision of the Programme Coordinator, the responsibilities and duties of the consultant shall include the following:

- a. Coordinating the implementation of GMES & Africa services and applications and assuring consistent reporting;
- b. Ensuring quality control and assurance of products and services;
- c. Reporting on day-to-day implementation status of the thematic chapters;
- d. Facilitating cross-fertilization of applications and services across consortia.
- e. The consultant will report monthly to the Programme Coordinator of the GMES & Africa program through submission of monthly activities report outlining the achievements and status.

4. Gender Mainstreaming:

The AU Commission is an equal opportunity employer and qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply.

5. Consultancy Fee

Remuneration is payable on monthly basis upon submission of monthly delivery report. The fixed budget allocated for this assignment is US\$ 8,000.00 This cost includes all consultant's costs and profit. Fees payable do not include costs associated with project related travels, coordination/organization of project related activities and events, stakeholder dialogues, consultations, and workshops. These costs will be met by the AU.

6. Duration

The exercise will be undertaken within the period of six (6) months subject to renewal based on progress and performance.

7. Duty Station

The consultant will undertake the work on site at AUC Headquarter, Addis Ababa

8. Contract Management and Reporting

Under the overall supervision of the Director, the Consultant will report on his/ her activities to the Director, ESTI, AUC.

9. Language

Proficiency in at least one of the African Union working languages (Arabic, English, French, Portuguese); knowledge of other working languages will be an added advantage.

10. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE OF THE CONSULTANT

A minimum of master's degree in Oceanography, Environmental science, Earth Observation, Geospatial Technology, Geo-informatics, or related discipline;

Candidates must have at least 7 years progressive experience and a sound scientific background in earth observation, 5 of which must be in a coordination role of earth observation projects between several institutions in Africa. Knowledge of the African Union system is an asset.

- Skills and Competencies

- a. Ability to identify, analyse and participate in the resolution of issues/problems;
- b. Ability to apply monitoring and evaluation skills, and manage conflicting priorities;
- c. Ability to work and lead a multilingual team and to achieve team goals and priorities;
- d. Ability to work under pressure and in a multicultural environment;
- e. Ability to foresee risks and allow for contingencies when planning;

- f. Sound Computer literacy is desired such as knowledge of software applications: image processing, GIS, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.

11. Required Documentations

The African Union Commission now invites eligible **Individual Consultants** to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents for AUC's consideration:

1) Technical Proposal not exceeding 7 pages on

- i. Understanding and interpretation of the TOR
- ii. Methodology to be used in undertaking the assignment
- iii. Time and activity schedule

2) Personal Capacity Statement

- i. Relevant experience related to the assignment
- ii. A detailed Curriculum Vitae of the Consultant outlining the following:
 - Educational and Professional Qualification/Certifications
 - Relevant experience in similar assignments (clearly state the duties and the achievements in different sections under each position occupied)
 - References with Phone number and email addresses

12. Evaluation Criteria

For evaluation the following criteria will be applied:

S/N	Award Criteria	Allocated Point
1.	General Education, Qualification and Relevant Training	20
2.	Relevant experience related to the assignment	30
3.	Technical approach and methodology	30
4.	Work Plan	10
5.	Fluency in English or in one of the AU recognized languages	10
Total		100

13. Invitation

The African Union Commission now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested candidates must provide information demonstrating that he/she has the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Applicants must submit the following documents:

- Cover letter - Understanding of the assignment / TOR
- Methodology to be used in undertaking the assignment
- Time and activity schedule
- CV

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00-13:00hrs and 14:00-17:00 hours Local Time. Proposals must be delivered in a written form to the address below not later than **15:00** hours local time, on **30th June 2023**.

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