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Department:
Small Business Development
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES - CONSULTING FIRM)**

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROJECT

SUPPORTING LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Public Sector

Loan No:

Project ID No: ADB/BD/WP/2016/0142

This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in UNDB Online Ref. No. AfDB837-11/15 on the 8th of December 2015.

The South African Government through the Department of Trade and Industry and Department of Small Business Development has received grant funding from the African Development Bank (Afdb) Middle Income Countries' grant fund to promote and support enterprise development in the following six mining towns:

1. Waterberg District Municipality (Limpopo Province)
2. Sekhukhune District Municipality (Limpopo Province)
3. Bojanala District Municipality (North West Province)
4. Nkangala District Municipality (Mpumalanga Province)
5. West Rand District Municipality (Gauteng Province)
6. Lejweleputswa District Municipality (Free State Province)

The Local Economic Development programme will be implemented through appointment of consulting firm.

The overall goal of the pilot project is to contribute to job creation, social inclusion and the reduction of the gender poverty gap. Furthermore the project will foster inclusive socio-economic development through supporting enterprise development. The project also seeks to ensure that there is economic diversification beyond the lifespan of the mining activities in the six identified mining towns. It is also imperative that the capacity of municipal officials, Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) in these municipalities is enhanced.

The specific objective of the Local Economic Development component is to improve the capacity of local municipalities in planning and implementing Local Economic Development programmes and to also compile reliable and socio-economic profiles of municipalities.

Main activities that will be undertaken include:

- i) To conduct Municipal Local Economic Development status reports for six identified districts (also known as maturity assessment reports)
- ii) To prepare Regional business activity profiles of the six identified district municipalities to capture their economic potential and formulate implementation plans thereof
- iii) To carry out participative appraisal of competitive and comparative advantage studies prepare reports for each district (focus to be directed to individual local municipalities)
- iv) To conduct business retention and expansion strategies for the six district municipalities and;
- v) To prepare and facilitate Local Economic Development workshops in order to provide training and address skills gap of the officials in the targeted municipalities on LED (e.g implementation of LED strategies, funding models for LED)

The estimated period for implementation and roll out of the project is over two years including time for completing the final reports. The completion date of this assignment is 31st December 2017.

The South African Government through the Department of Small Business Development invites suitably qualified Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned services and deliverables. Interested Consulting Firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. Their submissions must include but not limited to business profiles, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate capacity, skills and qualification, etc. Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "**Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants**" (May 2008 Edition, Revised July 2012), which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. The Department of Small Business Development is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (08:00 – 16:30hrs) at the offices of.

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Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address above or by Email by 31st March 2016 at **16:30pm** and mention *“Expressions of Interest for Local Economic Development Support”*.