

Government of Imo State of Nigeria

Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project

(World Bank – Assisted)

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Imo State Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project

Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services in Public Finance Legislation

Country: Nigeria.

Name of Project: Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project.

Consulting Services: Consultancy Services In Public Finance Legislation

Credit No: 4667-0 NG

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Expression of Interest

This Request for Expression of Interest follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this Project that appeared in the UNDB of 26th November, 2010.

The Federal Government of Nigeria has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of implementing Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project. Imo state is a beneficiary of the credit and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the credit for consultancy services in Public Finance Legislations.

The overall objective of the Project is to promote good governance by improving quality transparency and accountability in Public Financial Management and Human Resource Management Systems in Imo State. The scope of service for this consultancy work shall include the following tasks:

- The assignment requires Consultancy firms with Legal and Public Finance Management expertise whose specific tasks are as enumerated below.
- The two experts will be required to work as a team with the PFM Consultant as the lead. The Consultants will work closely with the State ministry of Finance in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and Component Coordinator to ensure the successful development of the Public Finance Management Bill.

PFM Specialist (Lead Consultant)

(a) Conduct a comprehensive review of all existing frameworks and statutory provisions that currently govern the conduct of financial administration and management in the State Public Service. These include but

definitely not limited to: The Public Finance (Control) Management Act; Financial Regulations 2009, Stores Regulations, Treasury Circulars, etc., and similar PFM Laws of the other countries; (b) Examine current Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) initiatives such as the Fiscal Responsibility Law with a view to adapting it to needs and context of Imo State (c) Provide a detailed profile of the identified weaknesses and gaps in the current statutory and administrative procedures governing the conduct of financial and fiscal operations of the State

Government, (d) As much as possible, situate identified initiatives within the context of national and international best practices in public finance management, bearing in mind, of course, their adaptability within, and relevance to the context of the State Public Service, (d) Assist with the process of building consensus through wide-scale interaction with the various stakeholders on the need for specific reviews of existing financial and fiscal regulations and procedures in the State. These stakeholders include members of both the executive and legislative arms of government, (f) Prepare a detailed report of proposed reviews – including draft legislation with the legal expert financial regulations, statutory provisions, and processes, which have earlier been discussed with the stakeholders (g) Production of final component implementation completion report with all necessary legislations and regulations: (h) Support the State Government in the processes associated with the implementation of Public Finance Management Legislation component of the Project and the achievement of Project Objectives, (i) Support the State Government in the processes associated with the implementation of Public Finance Management Legislation component of the Project

and the achievement of Project Objectives including conduct of sensitization forum to key stakeholders (Permanent Secretaries. Legal/Judicial Officers and key PFM staff).

Legal Expert

a) Work closely with the public finance management expert to ensure the successful development of the public finance management legislation component:

Review existing financial laws, regulations and other instruments (c) Draft an organic public finance law which reflects the findings of the review and the requirements of fiscal responsibility and transparency, (d) Participate as key resource person in three (3) one-day seminars designed to sensitize members of the State House of Assembly, State Executive Council, and other stakeholders on content of the draft organic public finance law. (e) Revise and produce a final draft of the Public Finance Legislation, based on feedback from key stakeholders, (f) Production of final component Implementation completion report: (g) Support the State Government in any processes associated with implementation of public finance management legislation component of the project and the achievement of Project objectives.

The Imo State Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project now invites eligible Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested Consulting Firms are hereby requested to submit a statement of capability indicating relevant experience on similar assignments in Nigeria or elsewhere. This should include but not limited to, Summary of Curriculum Vitae of its key staff. Provision of Company Brochures. Description of similar assignments carried out in the last five years. Experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among key staff etc.

The consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guideline: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011).

Interested consulting firms may obtain further information at the address below between 9.00 am 4.00 pm (local time) on weekdays.

Expression of Interest must be delivered in a sealed envelop to the address below not later than 20th January, 2014.

The Project Coordinator,

State Project Coordinating Unit (SPCU)

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