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(ISPDEM)

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES-FIRM SELECTION)

Country Lesotho

Project Name Institutional Support Project for Debt and Expenditure Management

Financing Agreement Ref 21000150043244 Project ID No P-LS-KFO-005

Assignment Tittle The Development of Public Sector Investment Database (PSID)

Firm Consulting Services

Reference No ISPDEM/LES-C24/0006

The Government of Lesotho has received financing from the African Development Fund toward the cost of the Institutional Support Project for Debt and Expenditure management (ISPDEM) which will be implemented through Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MoFDP). Part of the proceeds are earmarked for eligible payments for consulting services on **The Development of Public Sector Investment Database (PSID). Firm Consulting Services.** The assignment is to be implemented over a period of (12) months which will be a combination of remote and in-person support to the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning and concerned line ministries for system utilization, support, and maintenance.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The Public Sector Investment Database (PSID) constitutes an automated information management system. It aims to enhance efficiency and coordination of Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MoFDP) efforts, focusing on tracking projects financed by the Government of Lesotho, Development Partners, and the Private Sector. PSID serves as the primary repository, data collection, and reporting tool for MoFDP, ensuring unhindered access to development data and providing insights into ongoing projects and programs within the country. PSID's overarching objective is to establish a dependable and credible source of information regarding projects executed in Lesotho. This will support the Government in closely monitoring project progress, performance, and alignment with development goals, priorities, and strategies. PSID is anticipated to drive transparency and accountability, enhance governance, facilitate project implementation, and foster results-based decision-making concerning development assistance within Lesotho.

The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate interest in providing these services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experiences to perform the services. The selection criteria will include the firm experience working on similar assignment, technical and managerial capability of the firm and successful engagements in designing and developing digital platforms, particularly in the realm of public investment management, policy streamlining, and monitoring and evaluation. The firm should have a multidisciplinary team of professionals with a diverse skill set, including but not limited to IT, computer science, engineering, and project management.

The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

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," 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at http://www.afdb.org.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of joint venture, in which case all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly liable for the entire contract if selected.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the consultant guidelines.

Interested candidates may obtain further information (including detailed Terms of Reference) at the address below during office hours (8.00 am to 4.30 pm Local time).

Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form, in sealed envelope labelled "The **Development of Public Sector Investment Database (PSID) Firm Consulting Services**" to the address below in person or by email not later than 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024.

Attn: Procurement Manager

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