



**REQUEST FOR CURRICULUM VITAE
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY)**

KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
PUBLIC SERVICE MODERNIZATION PROJECT (PSMP)
Credit No.: 5772-LS
Project Number: P152398

Assignment Title: CONSULTANT TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NSDP) II PROCESS

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): C-1.1.2

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho (GOL) has received financing from the World Bank toward cost of the PUBLIC SECTOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT (PSMP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The consultant will provide specialist advice to contribute to the successful implementation of the Public Sector Modernization Project Appraisal Document (PAD) through development and provisioning of services for the development of the new National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP) to further implement the aspirations of Basotho as outlined in the Vision 2020 Pillars.

Scope of Work

The International Economic Advisor, with support from the local Economist, will play a critical role in developing the Growth Strategy, Macroeconomic and Strategic frameworks in the development of the next NSDP by;

- Providing technical expertise, support and coordination for the development Lesotho's new National Strategic Development Plan (NSDP).
- Providing technical support for developing the macro-economic policy and strategy building on the macro-fiscal framework and the Medium Term Expenditure Framework, preparing the chapters on macro-economic strategy and key priority sectors, establishment of the monitoring and evaluation framework, preparing the implementation program setting the expenditure and the public sector investment plan and the implementation strategy for the next NSDP.
- Providing Capacity building and/or guidance of the relevant staff of the NSDP Secretariat to undertake policy analysis in order to prepare the required background papers and the NSDP.

Specific

- Research, Prepare and present analysis of international best practices in the formulation National Development Plans, with recommendations for application to the preparation of the new NSDP.
- Lead the development and execution of a programme for consultation and feedback by key stakeholder groups in the public sector, private sector, civil society and International Development Partners on the development of the new NSDP.
- Coordinate the development of priority national outcomes, strategies and actions for the new NSDP.
- Make an analysis of Lesotho's macroeconomic framework and run econometric models to determine and /or forecast the economy to inform the next NSDP strategic goals and objectives.
- Coordinate the development of NSDP indicators and targets for the new NSDP M&E Framework.
- Provide technical assistance in economic planning and in the formulation of sector strategies.
- Coordinate the development of the new NSDP Costing, Implementation strategy and the Public Sector Investment Plan (PSIP).
- Provide advice and support towards sector programming, costing of programmes, target setting and the development of performance indicators as required.
- Provide regular progress reporting as scheduled and upon request as well as a final report at the completion of the assignment.

Reporting

The International Economic Advisor will report to the NSDP Project Coordinator and the Principal Secretary, Ministry of Development Planning.

Duration

The assignment is for period of 10 months.

The government of Lesotho through the Ministry of Finance now invites eligible international consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Qualifications and Skills:

- At minimum, a post graduate degree in Economics, Development Planning, or relevant discipline is required.
- A PhD will be an added advantage.

General Professional Experience:

- Minimum 12 years of experiences in the area of Macro-fiscal policy planning and management, public Investment Management or as a macro-fiscal Economist.
- Experience in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of national development plans would be a distinct advantage.
- Excellent public speaking, presentation, report writing and facilitation skills
- Excellent leadership, motivational skills and Team work
- Competence in the use of computers application software such as Word, Excel and Power Point.
- Proficiency in the use of statistical software's such as Stata, E-Views and Ox-metrics.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the individual Consultancy method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Further information (terms of reference) can be obtained at the address below during office hours *0900 to 1630 hours*.

Application letters complete with detailed curriculum vitae must be delivered by e-mail on or before **21st April 2017**. Applications should bear the name of the assignment in the subject field.

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