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Venue: ECOWAS Commission,

Town: ABUJA **Country:** Nigeria

PERIOD OF ADVERTISEMENT: November 19, 2019 - January 19, 2020

CLIENT: ECOWAS COMMISSION

SOURCE OF FUNDING: ECOWAS Budget

TYPE: Expressions of Interest

Selection of a Consultant (Firm) for the Mapping, Quantification and Review of Local Medicines' Manufacturing in the West African Region

1. The ECOWAS Commission intends to use its resources to finance a service contract with a consulting firm (could be a single firm, a consortium or partnership thereof) that will be responsible for the **for the Mapping, Quantification and Review of Local Medicines' Manufacturing in the West African Region.**

2. The main objectives are: (a). to identify, map, describe and quantify the various relevant aspects of pharmaceutical manufacturing in West Africa; (b). to ascertain the geographical spread of manufacturing plants in the West Africa region; and (c). to determine other relevant information such as the quality and quantity of medical products, and the predominant range of medicines produced in the region.

3. The overall duration of the assignment is estimated at three (3) months.

4. The ECOWAS Commission invites specialized Consulting Firms to submit their candidacy for the services described above. Interested, eligible and qualified consulting firms must provide full information on their qualifications and experience, demonstrating that they are qualified and experienced in providing similar services. The criteria for shortlisting are as follows:

a.) General Experience of the firm (be officially registered as a legal entity and working in compliance with all applicable local laws and statutes in the pharmaceutical or related sub sector.);

b.) Specific and successful experience related to the Mapping, Quantification and Review of Local Medicines' Manufacturing in the West African Region conducted within the past five (5) years;

c.) The Lead Consultant must have tertiary qualification(s) in relevant areas, for instance a post graduate degree in Pharmacy, Public Health or Health Economics. (Copies of all registration documents and Certificates of Qualification must accompany the submission).

d.) Availability of Relevant Staff to be assigned to the ECOWAS project, showing full list of staff along with their respective CVs providing details on competencies (all applicable Human Resources knowledge, skills and abilities) as well as relevant minimum experience of five (5) years in conducting multi country reviews and comparative research.

d.) Demonstrate capacity to communicate; analyze; evaluate and produce reports in at least two (2) official languages of ECOWAS (English; French OR Portuguese). The knowledge of the third language would be an advantage.

NB: In addressing the above listed criteria, consulting firms must provide tangible/verifiable evidence and detailed references for all claims made in terms of experience and capabilities, similar assignments, etc. Each reference provided should be summarized on a project sheet, and will be considered and accepted only if the candidate attaches supporting documents indicating the contact information of the contracting authorities so as to facilitate verification of the information provided, covering excerpts of contract (inner cover page; page with the signatures and the Terms of Reference) OR the attestation(s) of good performance of each project presented.

5. Interested Consulting firms may apply as a consortium or partnership to ensure and/or boost their consolidated capacities to execute the assignment.

6. The eligibility criteria, the preparation of shortlist, and the selection procedure shall comply with the ECOWAS Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" (ECOWAS Procurement Code), available on its website: <http://www.ecowas.int> The selection procedure will be based on Consultant (Firm) Qualification, and the firm ranked first (which present the best profiles with all claims fully substantiated) will be requested to submit its Technical & Financial Proposals. Also, firms that are part of an international network are to submit only one expression of interest as a network.

7. The Consultants will ensure consistency between the revised ECOWAS Procurement Code and the ECOWAS Financial Regulation on the one hand, and the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the assignment.

8. The attention of interested Consulting firms is particularly drawn to Article 118 of the ECOWAS Revised Procurement Code ("Infringements by Candidates, Bidders and Awardees"), providing information on corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for or executing a contract. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per "Article 119 of the ECOWAS Revised Procurement Code.

9. Interested consulting firms can obtain further information at the e-mail addresses mentioned below, during working days and hours of the ECOWAS Commission from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm (Local Time – Nigeria): procurement@ecowas.int; with copy to sbangoura@ecowas.int; deklu@ecowas.int; oolu-ibukun@ecowas.int; mlawsonh@hotmail.com; kajoku@ecowas.int; sossei@wahooas.org;**

10. Expressions of Interest (EOIs) must be delivered in sealed envelopes (1 signed Original and 3 Copies) in English, French or Portuguese and clearly marked "Selection of a Consultant (Firm) for the **Mapping, Quantification and Review of Local Medicines' Manufacturing in the West African Region**". "Do not open except in presence of the Opening Committee." EOIs must be sent to the address below by **January 19, 2020 at 11.00 a.m, Local Time:**