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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

COUNTRY: CABO VERDE

PROJECT: DIGITAL CABO VERDE

Project ID No. P171099

Date: August 29, 2024

Notice Number: EOI - 080/DCVP/UGPE/2024

Assignment Title: Technical Assistance to review and update the Customs Code and the Customs Code Regulation

1. The Government of the Republic of Cabo Verde has received from the International Development Association (hereafter named “World Bank”), the Credit ref. 6792-CV to fund the **Digital Cabo Verde Project**, aiming to contribute to transforming the country into a regional digital hub for accelerating its digital economy through enhanced digital infrastructure and strengthened demand for digital services and skills, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. The purpose of this Technical Assistance is to review and update the current Customs Code and the respective Regulation and regulatory framework in Cape Verde, bringing further simplification of customs procedures, both to facilitate trade and to prevent fraud and infringements. This is sought while transitioning to a paperless and fully electronic framework, not only from the perspective of using SYDONIA World, but also from the development of a Foreign Trade Single Window (JUCE, acronym in Portuguese). As a result, developing more efficient customs transactions in Cape Verde are in line with the country’s current needs. In addition, the consultancy should review current legislation and/or regulations of other border authorities to assess whether there are any specific requirements and/or impediments to implement an automated JUCE (Foreign Trade Single Window in Portuguese) environment, as currently worded.
3. The assignment is expected to take about 6 (six) months from the date of signing the contract.

4. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment shall be requested at the address e-mail given below, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. (local time), during the working day or can be found at the following website <https://ugpe.gov.cv/concursos?page=1>; www.mf.gov.cv.
5. The implementing agency, Unidade de Gestão de Projectos Especiais – UGPE, now invites eligible consulting firms (“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. (Relevant material must not exceed 30 pages overall).
6. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - Core business and years in the related business;
 - Relevant experience for this assignment;
 - Technical and managerial organization of the firm.
7. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
8. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated July 2016 and revised in September 2023 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
9. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
10. A consultant will be selected under the **Consultants’ Qualifications Selection (CQS)** method set out in the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated July 2016 and revised in September 2023.
11. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the emails address below from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. (local time), during working days.
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12. Expressions of interest must be delivered, in English, to the address below, or by e-mail indicating the title of the assignment and the name of the project, **by September 16, 2024**.
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