



Youth Entrepreneurship & Employment Project



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

CONSULTING SERVICES (FIRM) ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT (BUSINESS INCUBATION AND GROWTH)

Sector: Skills Development

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The Government of Liberia has received financing from the African Development Bank's Fund for African Private Sector Assistance and the Transition Support Facility Pillar III to finance the Youth Entrepreneurship and Employment Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the contract for consulting services for **entrepreneurship development (business incubation and growth)**.

The consultancy services under this assignment, to be implemented over a **thirty** month period will support Nimba County Community College (NCCC) to establish a business incubation and growth program and empower incubation stakeholders in Nimba County to successfully develop an effective innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem where innovative entrepreneurs can flourish. **This will involve capacity building of 15 Business Development Service (BDS) providers and Teachers who will intern provide capacity building through training including coaching and mentoring to at least 20 SMEs in areas of Agriculture, Hospitality and Mining** after Business Diagnosis of at least 100 Businesses.

The Liberia Ministry of Youth and Sports now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consulting firms must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

The shortlisting criteria by which evaluation of EOI will be based on are as followed:

- i. Considerable experience (at least five years) in Business Incubation and Growth, preferably colleges and technical institutions. The firm should also have experience in preparing training manuals for training Business Development Service providers and Instructors.
- ii. Key professional personnel in the area of Business Incubation and Growth.
- iii. Experience in similar environment and Region
- iv. Experience in **at least three** similar assignments over the last five years period.
- v. The Firm should be duly registered.

Consulting firms may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

The method of selection shall be Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS). The eligibility criteria, establishment of the short list and selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "*Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants*" (May 2008 edition, revised July 2012), which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours between 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday –Friday (Liberia time).

Expression of interest must be delivered in hard copy or submitted by email to the address below by Tuesday, **January 16, 2018**, at **4:00 p.m.** (Liberia time) and must be specifically marked "**Expression of interest for Entrepreneurship Development (Business Incubation and Growth).**"

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