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GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA

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SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES (Managing Contractor)

PSIF Project Pin: 029

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are being sought from suitably qualified and experienced firms who can fulfill all the requirements for the position of “Managing Contractor” for the Institutional Strengthening Project (ISP) for the Samoa Bureau of Statistics (SBS).

A need was recognized to strengthen the capacity of the SBS to *provide high quality statistics to enable the formulation of evidence based policies to undertake economic, social and business planning.*

The purpose of the ISP is to ensure that SBS, *as the national centre of expertise in official statistics, is efficiently and effectively producing and disseminating high quality statistics and playing a strategic role in the coordination of official statistics in Samoa and the region.*

Specific eligibility Requirements

The interested firms is expected to act as a facilitator and coordinator, providing overall advice on project management and obtaining the necessary technical skills for the specific tasks from specialists as required. The firms shall also meet the following requirements:

- Demonstrated ability and experience in institutional strengthening projects in Samoa or in developing countries undergoing similar reforms
- Demonstrated skills and experience in facilitation and negotiations
- Have access to a network of specialists and consultants, particularly in the fields of capacity building and official statistics

A detailed description of the Terms of Reference (TORs) and Selection Criteria can be obtained from:

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If you have queries/questions, please also contact the above address. To enable us to provide the same information to all interested parties, all parties intending to provide expressions of interest are requested to register their interest by sending an email to the above email address by 26th March 2010 which is also the deadline for queries/questions.

The Expressions of Interests must include a **Capability Statement** describing the core business of the firm, years of experience, its technical and legal experience, and must also include a statement addressing the selection criteria.

Applications must be clearly marked "EOI - Samoa Bureau of Statistics ISP" and addressed to:

The Secretary
Samoa Tenders Board
Level 4, Central Bank Building

These must be deposited at the Tender Box at Level 4, Central Bank Building by 1.30pm Tuesday 6th April 2010. One (1) original and four (4) copies of the EOI are required to be submitted by interested firms.

Bidders are invited to attend the tender opening which will be held on Tuesday 6th April 2010 during the Tender Board meeting at 2pm.

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