KENYA CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE PROJECT (KCSAP)
BOMET COUNTY

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

PROCUREMENT OF:

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF ADVISORY SERVICES ALONG THE SEGMENTS OF THE PROPOSED AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAINS TO FARMERS GROUPS.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
Contract to offer Climate Smart Agricultural Services to farmer Groups

The Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP) is a Government of Kenya initiative Supported by the World Bank. The Project Development Objective is *"to increase agricultural productivity and build resilience to climate change risks in the targeted smallholder farming and pastoral communities in Kenya, and in the event of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, to provide immediate and effective response."*

The Project activities will contribute to these objectives by Up-scaling Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) Practices and supporting smallholder farmers to adopt integrated climate-smart Technology, Innovation and Management Practices (TIMPs) and also support investments through a community-driven development approach in smallholder agro-pastoral production systems and in pastoral extensive production systems in the Project area.

The key implementing agents of this project are the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation (MOALF&I); Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO); Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD); and County Governments in the targeted Counties. Farmers will access services through Producer Groups which are the vehicles for Farmer Empowerment's oriented extension principally embraces sustainable approaches to service delivery. KCSAP will therefore use the value chain approach. As such, services will be offered along specific value chains in the project areas.

To improve accountability, and efficiency, KCSAP will contract qualified Service Providers (consortia) that have a mix of skills to provide advisory services along the segments of proposed agriculture value chain. The range of services to be provided by SPs will include: (i) facilitating communities to form CIGs and VMGs; to plan, implement, manage, and monitor their community CSA investments (Micro projects for adoption of CSA TIMPs); to federate into POs; and to participate in PPPs via production alliances, through participatory approaches; (ii) providing technical advisory services (for example, advice on good agronomic and livestock practices, value addition, and post-harvest technologies) to CIG, VMG, and PO members participating in various priority VCs; (iii) linking smallholder agro-pastoralists and pastoralists to input, output, and financial markets; (iv) providing financial and business advisory services; and (v) facilitating peer-to-peer learning among farmers.

Prospective consortia are expected to include; individual professionals from agricultural firms, public extension, private firms, producer organizations, cooperatives, universities, non-governmental organizations (NGO) as well as faith based organizations (FBO). However, existing reputable organisation(s) with technical and administrative capacity to provide advisory extension services may be considered for service delivery without necessarily teaming up to form consortia.

The Project hereby invites eligible Service Providers (SPs) to express interest to provide technical advisory services to Farmer/ Producer Groups in Bomet County within the following six project wards: Rongena/Manaret and Ndanai/Abosi Wards (Sotik Sub County), Embomos and Mogogosiek Wards (Konoin Sub County) and Kipreres and Longisa Wards (Bomet East Sub County) through common interest group approach. The institutions/firms must demonstrate experience in working with smallholder farmers in the provision of CSA services at various levels along specific value chains. In addition, they must provide information indicating their qualifications or qualifications of the individuals who will perform the services.

The overall objective of the assignment is to provide farmers with services that enhance increased productivity, increased resilience and reduced greenhouse gases i.e. triple wins in the 4 value chains in Bomet County which are:

1) Dairy 2) Bananas 3) Irish Potatoes and 4) Indigenous chicken.

The envisaged interventions will aim at improved yields, sustainable land management, water management, reduced losses, improved quality and incomes, introduce competitiveness within the identified value chains, increase the value of basic production through adoption of CSA TIMPs, use of agro-weather advisories, gender and nutritional mainstreaming, integrating environmental and social safeguards, the introduction of transformation and other value added processes, enhance access to local, national, regional and international markets, improve organizational and management skills of the agro-entrepreneurs and improve the incomes of the small scale farmers through the creation of synergies and networking for sustainable impacts among other benefits accrued from the engagement with the service providing firm/consortium.

Requirements

The Consortium should provide:

1. A 1-page cover letter for EOI signed by the head of the lead organization in the consortium;
2. Company/organizational profile of the lead applicant describing experience in offering the services outline in this request for EOI, showing:
   (i) Evidence of extensive experience in designing and implementing farmer-based development projects.
   (ii) Evidence of expertise in capacity building, CSA and Agricultural value chains
   (iii) Evidence of having relevant participatory skills
   (iv)Evidence of knowledge on gender, nutrition, social and environmental safeguards mainstreaming in project implementation
   (v) Evidence of similar work undertaken in the last 3 years including contacts of references.
3. CVs of the key personnel in the team proposed to undertake the assignment;
4. Copies of registration certificates, PIN and VAT (where applicable);
5. Audited Accounts for the last 2 years

Interested and eligible firms may obtain additional information from the office of the County Project Coordinating Unit (CPCU) **Email: *kcsapbometcounty@gmail.com*.** Completed Expression of Interest in plain envelopes clearly marked "Ref: **KCSAP/BC/EOI/VOL1/19/1** and indicating the specific value chain the service provider is interested in and is addressed to:

County Project Coordinator
Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project
Bomet County
P.O Box 27-20400
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These should reach the CPCU Coordinator's Office before **10.00am/pm on TUESDAY 30TH APRIL 2019 AT 12:00 NOON.**

EOI will be opened on same day starting at 11.00am at CPCU offices at Bomet and the firms or their representatives will be free to attend the opening. Request for Proposal documents will thereafter be sent to the successful firms with specific Terms of Reference.

Kindly visit the county website; www.bomet.go.ke for more information