



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL TREASURY & ECONOMIC PLANNING

SUPPORTING ACCESS TO FINANCE AND ENTERPRISE RECOVERY (SAFER) PROJECT

CONSULTANCY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A SACCO SHARED DIGITAL SERVICES PLATFORM FOR SACCO CENTRAL KENYA

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

Ref: SAFER/SASRA/C/20/2024-25

Credit No. 7018-KE

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1. The Government of Kenya (GoK) in conjunction with the World Bank is implementing a five-year Supporting Access to Finance & Enterprise Recovery (SAFER) Project whose overall development objective is to increase access to financial services, enhance the capabilities, and support the COVID-19 recovery of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Kenya. This objective will be achieved through (i) Innovation and Liquidity Support to MSMEs; (ii) De-risking Lending to MSMEs; and (iii) Technical Assistance and Project Management. The SAFER Project intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. The consulting services (“the Services”) to provide technical services for Implementation of a SACCO Shared Digital Services Platform for SACCO Central Kenya, include: (a) Supporting the SACCO Central Kenya implement a robust, secure and fit-for-purpose SACCO Shared technology platform; (b) Assisting SACCO Central Kenya develop a roadmap and seek direct participation in the national payments system as well as a mechanism for a SACCO Industry instant payment system; (c) Supporting SACCO Central Kenya in the establishment and operationalization of the Business Development and Central Liquidity services. The assignment is expected to take twelve (12) months.
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website www.treasury.go.ke/tenders/ or can be obtained at the address given below.
4. The National Treasury & Economic Planning (the Client), through its Project Implementation Unit, 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. However, the description shall be limited to **maximum of 30 pages** length. The shortlisting requirements for the firm’s [or consortium (in Joint Venture) of consulting firms] experience are: (a) Relevant work experience of at least 10 years in the area of ICT, Business Development, Operations and Strategy and Payment Systems; (b) Providing similar consultancy work in a financial services firm within the Banking or SACCO sub-sector, within the last 5 years; (c) Demonstrate experience and competences within the Kenya financial services sector and the Eastern Africa region in core Banking/SACCO/Microfinance Systems design, development, and implementation. **Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.**
5. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016 updated September 2023 which can be found at the following website: www.worldbank.org/procurement.

6. 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" July 2016 updated September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
7. 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.
8. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
9. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 0900 to 1700 hrs.
10. **Expressions of Interest** must be delivered in a written form to the address below either in person, by mail or by email:

Postal Address:

Project Implementation Unit

Attention: Procurement Specialist

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Project Implementation Unit

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E-mail: procurement.safer@piu.go.ke

11. **Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 1600 hours Kenyan local time.**

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