



RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTING FIRM TO CONDUCT AN EXTERNAL AUDIT OF THE SWEDD PROJECT ACCOUNTS FOR THE 2023-2024 ACCOUNTING YEARS AND GRACE PERIOD

NOTICE OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Reference number [BF-WAHO-BF-367628-CS-LCS](#)

1- Introduction

The West African Health Organization (WAHO) has received funds from the World Bank for the implementation of the Sahel Women Empowerment and Demographic Dividend Project (SWEDD) and intends to use part of the funds to finance the recruitment of a consulting firm to conduct an external audit of the SWEDD project accounts for the 2023-2024 accounting years and grace period.

2- Objective

The objective of the financial and accounting audit is to provide a professional opinion on the financial status of the project at the end of each fiscal year and to ensure that the resources provided for the project are used for the purposes intended within the framework of the project's development objectives.

The expression of this professional opinion will be based on documents prepared and provided by WAHO and other legal documents relevant to the project.

To this end, WAHO has put in place an adequate system of internal control as well as acceptable documentation of transactions related to each project.

3- Duration of the mission

The estimated duration of the audit engagement is one month and a half per fiscal year, i.e. 3 months for both (2) fiscal years, including the submission of final reports and the grace period.

The audit engagement will cover the following fiscal years:

- December 31, 2023
- December 31, 2024 and grace period

4- Documents to be provided

Interested consultants (firms) are invited to apply. They must demonstrate that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience (documentation on the company and its areas of expertise, references on the execution of similar contracts in the past) to undertake the engagement. References must be justified (contracts, certificate of completion, etc.). Applicants should submit a summary table including past experience, references, mission goals, client addresses, activity costs, completion years and durations).

Interested consultants (firms) are invited to submit an expression of interest package including:

- A signed letter of expression of interest,
- A copy of the trade register,
- The presentation of the permanent staff with precision of the current position held in the company
- A list of the most important achievements in the field concerned during the last five years justified (contracts, certificate of completion, etc.).



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- If the firm is incorporated: a copy of the grouping agreement entered into by all its members or a letter of intent to form a consortium if their proposal is selected, signed by all its members and accompanied by an indicative draft for the proposed consortium agreement.

5- Qualifications

WAHO is seeking the services of an independent auditing and accounting firm duly registered with IFAC Internationally Recognized Chartered Accountants Associations or FIDEF Chartered Accountants Associations with a proven track record of financial auditing development projects according to IDA standards.

6- Selection method

The consultant (firm) will be selected on the basis of the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method in accordance with the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) Borrowers, 4th Edition, November 2020.

7- Criteria for evaluating the expression of interest

- Experience in financial audit of development projects/programmes in all fields and all funding included: **30 points**
- Experience in financial auditing of development projects/programs according to IDA standards: **60 points;**
- Permanent staff as part of the normal operation of the firm: **10 points.**

In the event of an equality of scores, preference will be given to the consultant (firm) with more experience in financial auditing of development projects/programmes according to IDA standards.

7- Other information about the submission

Interested consultants (firms) can also obtain additional information on the reference documents at the following e-mail address, during working hours, Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 16:00: procurement@diffusion.wahooas.org

They can also download the Terms of Reference or this Notice of Interest from WAHO's website: <https://data.wahooas.org/tenders/tenders/list>

Interested and suitably qualified consultants (firms) are invited to express their interest by submitting their application electronically to <https://data.wahooas.org/tenders/tenders/list>

The deadline for receipt of applications is **July 31, 2023 at 12:00 GMT.**

The costs of preparing and sending the expression of interest are the responsibility of the consultant (firm).

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