



Republic of Liberia  
Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project  
(STAR-P)

Ministry of Agriculture  
Credit No: 160945



**Consulting Services: RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDY AND MAPPING OF SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES ON THE VALUE CHAINS OF OIL PALM, RICE AND HORTICULTURE IN LIBERIA FOR THE SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION AND AGRIBUSINESS REVITALIZATION PROJECT IN LOFA, BOMI, CAPE MOUNT, NIMBA AND MARGIBI COUNTIES.**

**Request for Expression of Interest**

1. The Government of Liberia has received a loan from the World Bank toward the cost of the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Rehabilitation Project (STAR-P) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for **Recruiting the Services of a Consultant to conduct a Feasibility Study and mapping of Small and Medium-sized Agricultural Enterprises on the Value Chains of Oil Palm, Rice and Horticulture in Liberia for the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project in Bomi, Cape Mount, Margibi, Nimba and Lofa Counties.**

2. The study aims to analyze the small and medium-sized agricultural enterprises involved in the three targeted value chains of the project, with a view to define innovative business models to improve market access for small producers and attract investment and The scope of assignment includes, but not limited to:

- ✓ Analyze the strengths and weaknesses of existing companies in the three selected value chains,
- ✓ Analyze the business models of the various companies identified and group them into categories ranging from the strongest to the weakest,
- ✓ Make a summary matrix of the support to be given, in an operational way, to the different companies identified in the different models

3. The Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and at least five years relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: **description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate experience and qualification- must hold at least a master's degree in agronomy, institutional management, agricultural economics, rural economy or development economics with a focus in Agricultural Economics and at least 10 years of relevant professional experience in elaborating projects proposal for the organization and promotion of small and medium-sized agricultural enterprises. He must have been involved in similar projects in the last five years. Must be able to integrate into its analyzes all the components of the thematic development, transformation and modernization of target value chains, integrating both the production, processing, marketing, export, organization, coordination, financing and all the above agricultural entrepreneurship**

4. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers January 2011 and revised July 1, 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: relationship with Borrower's staff: Consultants (including their experts and other personnel, and sub-consultants) that have close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower (or of the project implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the loan) who are

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directly or indirectly involved in any part of: (i) the preparation of the TOR for the assignment (ii) the selection process for the contract, or (iii) the supervision of such contract may not be awarded a contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the contract.

5. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultant Selection (ICS)** Method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

6. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **9:00 to 1700** hours.

7. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person by **February 15, 2018**.

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