

## REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA

## MINISTRY OF PLANNING

## ACCELERATING ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION AND JOB CREATION PROJECT

Loan No.: IBRD-95270

Project ID: P178035

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

Assignment Title: CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR PARTNER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (PFIS)

Reference No. 38CS1/MINPLAN/24

The Government of Angola *has received* financing from the World Bank Group's International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) toward the cost of the Accelerating Economic Diversification and Job Creation Project (Diversifica Mais) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for **Develop and Implement an Environmental and Social Management System for Partner Financial Institutions (PFIS).** 

The consulting services ("the Services") have as main objective is to solicit the services of institutions to develop, maintain and implement a risk-based ESMS to identify, assess, manage and monitor the environmental and social risks and impacts of any subprojects receiving support from the Project under Subcomponent 3(b). The aim is to strengthen the capacity of these institutions to identify, manage and monitor the environmental and social risks of funded sub-projects, in line with international standards and promoting sustainable practices.

The specific objectives of the consultancy are the following:

- 1. Develop and implement an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS):
- 2. Capacity building and training:
- 3. Monitoring and Progress Reports:
- 4. Stakeholder Consultation and Participation:
- 5. Initial diagnosis:
- 6. Development of Practical Tools:

- 7. Legal and Regulatory Compliance:
- 8. Implementation of Mechanisms for Suggestions and Complaints Management

The period expected of the consultancy contract will be 10 months.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The Accelerating Economic Diversification and Job Creation Project (Diversifica Mais) 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

- Must be a national or foreign company or consortium of companies with at least 7 years' experience in drawing up environmental and social management systems for PFIs in the light of the ESS or International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards (PS);
- Must have experience in capacity building (as a training organization) on environmental and social issues, both at central and community/local level;
- Must have experience in building, implementing and monitoring a Suggestion and Complaints Management Mechanism in line with World Bank guidelines and international best practice;
- Should preferably have experience in applying the World Bank's Environmental and Social Policies or Environmental and Social Framework (ESF), or International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards (PS), as well as the applicable National Environmental and Social Legislation;
- Must specifically demonstrate the experience and knowledge you have acquired in environmental and social management in private and/or public projects, through the programs or projects you have implemented and describe the results obtained;
- Must have experience working in sub-Saharan African countries, preferably in Angola;
- Should be familiar with international financing;
- Should have knowledge of environmental and social standards relevant to the Diversifica+ project;
- Must be able to communicate with senior public administration and government officials;
- Must have expertise in existing environmental and social management software;
- Should have proven experience in coordinating environmental and social management projects.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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" revised in September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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 subconsultancy. 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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection** (**QCBS**) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0800 to 1600 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (only by mail) until **July 8, 2025**.

The address mentioned above is as follows:

Ministry of Planning

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