



REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA
National Investment Commission (NIC)
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Monrovia, Liberia



**Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)
(Consultancy Services)**

Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone (SAPZ) Project

**Consultancy Services to “Conduct Policy Review on Existing Policies,
Regulations, Strategies and Laws of Liberia”**

Sector: Agriculture/Industry

Financing Agreement Reference: 2100150042703

Project ID: P-LR-AA0-009

1. BACKGROUND

The Government of Liberia has received funding from the African Development Bank (AfDB) towards the establishment of a Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zone (SAPZ) over a period of five (5) years, (January 2022 to December 2026), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount towards funding sub-activity one (1) (*Policy Study/ Review*) under component one of the project: (*Strengthen institutional capacity and support the development of climate resilient enabling infrastructure to attract investments into agricultural value addition*). The Consultancy Services is for the conduct of a Policy Study in line with supporting the governance and legal framework of the anticipated Special Economic Zone Authority (SEZA).

The Project development goal is to contribute to inclusive and sustainable agro-industrial development in Liberia, and in the process reduce staple food imports, create jobs, and reduce poverty.

The project development objectives are to: (i) Create a better business environment for increased investment in the agro industrial sector, (ii) Create opportunities for investments at the industrial level and coordinate the integration of small holder farms and agro processing industry into sustained agro value chains and, (iii) Improve capacities and skills to benefit from new agribusiness employment and value chain opportunities.

The project is structured around three related components including: (a) Support the development of Climate-resilient Infrastructure to attract investments into Agricultural Value addition/industrialization, (b) Support Business Competitiveness, Enable skills and climate-smart agricultural value chain development and strengthen farmer coordination and, (c) Strengthen Institutional Capacity, Project Coordination & Management.

The services included under this consultancy will be for the conduct of a policy study/ review of existing policies, regulations, strategies and laws of Liberia in support to the Special Economic Zone Law of 2017.

The Services will include but not limited to the following:

- a. Undertake the required reviews of existing institutional and policy frameworks at the national level to identify gaps that will inform and adapt recommended actions for decision making by state actors;
- b. Consult the views of public and private sector stakeholders on best practices and lessons learnt to inform and recommend at the national level interventions on institutional and policy strengthening; and
- c. Put in place an institutional and policy framework that are practical and provide an effective enabling environment for private sector investment.

The Policy Study shall be carried out over a period of sixty (60) days. The assignment will take into account, revision of existing: (i) policies, (ii) legislations, (iii) national strategies, and (iv) regional & international treaties and policies.

The National Investment Commission invites eligible consulting firm (s) to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consulting firm (s) must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, (i) information detailing the company's existence and areas of expertise (ii) list of similar assignments and experience in similar conditions, (iii) list of overall permanent and temporary staff in fields related to the assignment, (iv) evidence of past performance, and (v) any other relevant information that might be useful.

QUALIFICATION, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS OF KEY EXPERTS

The consulting firm must meet the following qualifications and skills for required key experts:

- a) Policy Expert: Masters' degree in public policy and or Development Studies/ economics and at least 10 years' experience in policy work including drafting of policies, regulations or strategies and with the understanding of working in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- b) Legal Expert: Masters' in Law (LL.M) and at least 10 years' experience in the legal professional with the understanding and skills of drafting legislations and reviewing of bills. Understanding of working in Sub-Saharan Africa.

- c) Change Management Expert: Masters' degree in Management Leadership / and or Development Economics with at least 5 years' experience in strategic planning, change management exercise and institutional reforms. Understanding of working in Sub-Sahara Africa.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "***Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations***" (BPM), dated October 2015", which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consulting firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 8:30AM – 5:00PM Monrovia Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in hardcopy or by email to the address below and clearly marked "**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for POLICY STUDY**" on or before 2:00pm Local time Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Special Agro Industrial Processing Zone Project

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