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Notice of Call for Applications Selection of an individual consultant For the Comparative Economic Analysis of Regional Food Security Reserve (RFSR) Operations Study - Component 1

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Duration of the mission	
Number of years of experience	10 years of experience

I. Background

The Regional Food Security Reserve (RFSR) has been operational since 2016. It has dedicated governance bodies established by ECOWAS statutory bodies through a Management Committee and its Executive Bureau. The implementation of the operations of the RFSR is carried out by the ARAA through a dedicated division. All the detailed procedures (procurement, reception, quality control, storage, destocking, etc.) have been defined and are recorded in a procedures manual of the RFSR, in conformity with general ECOWAS procedures.

Since 2016, the various purchase operations through calls for tenders have provided the Reserve with a capital of more than 32,000 tons of cereals, stored in five countries (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria). On the basis of the RFSR's mobilization procedures, ten interventions involving a total of more than 25,000 tons made it possible to respond to requests from four countries facing crises that met the Reserve's intervention criteria (Nigeria, Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso). In addition, a technical rotation of stocks stored in Ghana was organized.

The purpose of this notice is to recruit an individual consultant to contribute to a study on the comparative economic analysis of the operations and organization scheme of the Regional Food Security Reserve (RFSR).

II. Objective of the mission

The general objective of the service is to conduct an evaluation of the technical, economic and financial performance of the operations of the ECOWAS Regional Food Security

Reserve, from supply to destocking, in order to propose ways of optimizing the Reserve's operations and improving its efficiency for the benefit of the people of West Africa.

The specific objective assigned to this part 1 of the global study is as follows:

"In-depth analysis of the current economic model of the Reserve and in particular the costs of the various operations, the relevance and economic performance of the technical methods used.

III. Qualifications, skills and experience

The consultant will need to have the following skills:

- Hold at least a Bachelor's degree in Economics or a related discipline;
- Have at least 10 years of professional experience;
- Have a very good knowledge of the food security issue in West Africa;
- Have a very good knowledge of the West African regional storage strategy and/or national storage strategies in West Africa;
- Have good references and experience in business model design;
- Have a very good knowledge of national and regional mechanisms for the prevention and management of food crises;
- He should have a very good knowledge of the regional institutions and actors involved in ECOWAP/CADP and in the implementation of the Regional Food Security Reserve;
- Have a good knowledge of supply chain management;
- Have very good writing skills.

IV. Language

Fluency in one of the three working languages of ECOWAS (English, French, Portuguese) is required. Good linguistic knowledge (written and oral) of a second working language of the Commission would be an asset.

V. Location and start of the mission

The location of the mission will be determined according to the context. The mission will start within two weeks at the latest following the signature of the intellectual service contract.

VI. Application Form

The application file is made up:

- A letter of expression of interest, including the deadline for availability;
- A recent curriculum vitae detailing professional experience and similar assignments;
- Three professional references (first and last names, current functions, functions at the time of the collaboration with the Consultant, email and telephone contacts);
- Certified copy of the highest diploma;

NB: Any incomplete file will be rejected.

VII. Submission of applications

Applications are received no later than 17:00hrs GMT, by hand delivery or by email at the following addresses:

Agence Régionale pour l'Agriculture et l'Alimentation (ARAA), 83, rue des Pâtures (Super Taco), 01 BP 4817 Lomé, Togo - Tel +228 22 21 40 03 (under closed cover marked

"Consultant, for the study on the comparative economic analysis of the operations of the Regional Food Security Reserve (RRSA) - Part 1".

Email: procurement.consultants@araa.org Subject: **"Selection of an individual consultant for the study on the comparative economic analysis of the operations of the Regional Food Security Reserve (RRSA) - Component 1"**.

NB: Applications not marked "Selection of an individual consultant for the study on the comparative economic analysis of the operations of the Regional Food Security Reserve (RRSA) - Component 1" will not be considered.

VIII. Selection method

The consultant will be selected according to the qualification-based selection method as defined in the ECOWAS Public Procurement Code. An interview session may be organized with a shortlist of pre-selected consultants.

Only shortlisted applications will be contacted. The ARAA reserves the right not to proceed with this expression of interest.

The Executive Director



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