

Assignment Title: Individual consultant for Final Editing of the NSDP II Report

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): LS-MOF-96486-CS-INDV

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho (GOL) has received financing from the World Bank toward cost of the PUBLIC SECTOR MODERNIZATION PROJECT (PSMP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The consultant will assist to edit and proofread a draft NSDP II and produce a final formatted version ready for printing and publication.

NSDP II is developed to achieve inclusive growth and reduction of poverty through private sector led employment creation. In order to achieve the objectives of the NSDP II, four key priority areas have been identified and they define the core strategic framework of the plan. The key priority areas are:

- i. Enhancing inclusive and sustainable economic growth and private sector led job creation,
- ii. Strengthening Human Capital (health, education & skills development, nutrition and migration issues),
- iii. Building enabling infrastructure and
- iv. Strengthening national governance and accountability systems.

NSDP II productive sectors are Agriculture, Manufacturing, Tourism and Creative Arts and Technology and Innovation as the job creating sectors.

The duration for the contract is 15 days and the likely start date is February 2019.

The government of Lesotho through the Ministry of Finance 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 relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

The editor is expected to have the following qualification and work experience:

- (i) Minimum of first degree in English/Professional editing and/or demonstrable experience in copyediting of economic reports.
- (ii) Minimum 5 years or more in professional editing in the field.

The editor will be expected to submit portfolio of previous work done in the field (most preferably editing economic reports) to prove work experience.

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* ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the individual Consultancy method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information (terms of reference) can be obtained at the address below during office hours *0900 to 1630 hours*.

Application letters complete with detailed curriculum vitae must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **15th February 2019**. Applications should bear the **name of the assignment** in the subject field.

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