



NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SERVICES

NOTICE OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROVISION OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CARRYING OUT IMPACT EVALUATION OF NAADS INTERVENTIONS FOR WEALTH CREATION - NAADS/SRVCS/2019-20/00062

1. The **NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SERVICES (NAADS)** has allocated funds to be used for the acquisition of the consultancy services described below.
2. The Entity now invites eligible consultants to submit sealed expressions of interest for *consultancy services for carrying out impact evaluation of NAADS interventions for wealth creation.*

The impact evaluation is to demonstrate accountability to stakeholders on performance in achieving results and identifying best practices to generating sustainably increasing food security and incomes of the farming households

The overall Objective of the NAADS interventions is to increase access to critical agricultural inputs, agribusiness and value chain services for improved household food security and incomes.

Specific Objectives

- i) To increase access to critical and quality agricultural inputs for smallholder farmers including women, youth, older persons and people with disability;*
- ii) To support the development of agriculture commodity value chains through provision of agribusiness, value addition, and marketing linkage services;*
- iii) To facilitate farmer groups/cooperatives to access appropriate agricultural financial services; and*
- iv) To strengthen institutional and collaboration frameworks to enhance operational effectiveness and efficiency*

Scope of the Evaluation

The evaluation will cover all the four components of NAADS intervention for wealth creation for the period FY 2014/15 to FY 2018/19 namely:

- (i) Management of the agricultural input distribution chains involving procurement and distribution of inputs to district local governments*
- (ii) Strategic interventions involving procurement and distribution of agricultural inputs for priority commodities under commodity approach, supporting multiplication of planting and stocking materials;*
- (iii) Agribusiness business development*

(iv) Supporting value chain development focusing on the upper end of commodity chains.

3. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they are eligible and possess the required qualifications to perform the services supported with relevant documentation. (copies of academic certificates and C.Vs)
4. The short listing criteria will include:

The firm shall be required to submit the following documents, with the expression of interest:

- i. *a certificate of registration issued by the Authority for consultants currently registered with the Authority*
- ii. *or a copy of the Consultants' valid Trading licence or equivalent and*
- iii. *a copy of the Consultants' Certificate of Incorporation or equivalent for consultants not currently registered with the Authority;*
- iv. *Memorandum and Articles of association*
- v. *Company profile*
- vi. *a signed statement indicating that the consultant does not have a conflict of interest in the subject of the procurement;*

Qualifications of Consultancy firm: Applicants should possess the following qualifications and experience:

The consultancy firm should possess demonstrated relevant experience in conducting program/project reviews and impact evaluations studies. It should have undertaken at least two similar impact evaluation studies in scope and magnitude in the last five years (agricultural or related rural development programs /or projects).

The consultancy technical team in charge of the NAADS impact evaluation should include but not be limited to the following key personnel;

(a). Team Leader:

He/she should have a minimum of a Master's Degree in Agricultural Sciences, Agricultural Economics, Economics, Economic Policy, Quantitative Economics and Development Economics or any other related field. He/ she should also have at least 10 years demonstrated experience as Team Leader in conducting impact evaluation studies for development projects/programs. Excellent communication skills, both oral and written/report writing. A PhD is desirable.

(b). Socio-Economist

He/she should have a minimum of a Master's Degree in Economics /Economic Policy and Planning, or Economic Policy and Management with postgraduate training in Project Planning and management and /or Monitoring and Evaluation. He/she should have at least 5 years of practical experience in impact evaluation and undertaking social research in a rural development setting. He/she should have understanding of crosscutting issues including but not limited to gender and equity.

(c). Agronomist:

He/she should have a minimum of a Master's Degree in Agricultural Sciences; He/she should have at least 5 years of practical experience and knowledge of agricultural systems and best practices in the sub Saharan Africa. Training and experience in public sector planning, monitoring and evaluation; familiarity with relevant government policies, programs and projects in the agriculture sector. Should also have demonstrated experience in conducting impact evaluation studies of rural

development programs.

(d). Livestock Management Specialist

He/she should have a minimum of a Master's Degree in Animal sciences, livestock or its equivalent. Should also have demonstrated experience for a minimum of at least 5 years in conducting impact evaluation studies of rural development programs.

(e). Agribusiness Management Specialist

He/she should have a Minimum of a Master's Degree in Agribusiness Management or its equivalent, with at least 5 years proven experience in value chain development and management of agro-enterprises. Experience in benchmarking agri-business development indicators including undertaking surveys is desirable. Demonstrated experience in undertaking impact evaluation studies.

(f). Statistician

He/she should have a Minimum of a Master's Degree in Statistics, Quantitative economics, Statistics and Economics with at least 5 years proven experience in developing and use of data collection tools & questionnaires, data entry and analysis. Demonstrated experience in data management of impact evaluation studies is desirable.

Note: Attach copies of academic certificates and C. Vs

5. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications. The form of association, where applicable, should be indicated in the Expression of Interest.
6. Preference schemes shall apply when evaluating Request for Proposals from the shortlisted consultants.
7. Interested eligible consultants may obtain further information at the address given below from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM
8. Sealed Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below at or before 11:00 AM on 25th November 2019.

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9. The notice of expression of interest is available at the Entity's website at www.naads.or.ug and at www.ppda.go.ug
10. The planned Procurement schedule (Subject to changes) is as follows:

Activity	Date
a. Publication of Notice of Expression of Interest	31 st October 2019
b. Closing date for receipt of Expression of Interest	25 th November 2019 at 11:00 AM
c. Evaluation of Expressions of Interest	Within 15 working days from closing date
d. Display of shortlist	Within 5 working days from approval of shortlist by the Contracts Committee

The Executive Director