



THE EAST AFRICA TRADE AND INVESTMENT HUB (the Hub)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS (IC)

The East Africa Trade and Investment Hub (the Hub) is the U.S. Government's flagship project under the presidential *Trade Africa* initiative, launched in 2013 to boost trade and investment with and within Africa. The Hub's strategy is geared towards attracting and facilitating new investments and technology to promote trade within the East African Countries and other global markets especially the U.S under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). This will lead to the creation of new jobs and increase the region's competitiveness.

The Hub invites **qualified consultants (individuals)** with global expertise and a proven record on leather sector revitalization (in East Africa region and beyond) to provide **12 months technical support** to the **Kenya's Ministry of Industrialization & Enterprise Development through, Kenya Leather Development Council (KLDC).**

The role of the leather expert will be to:

1. Review and analyze the key factors affecting the Kenyan Leather sector value chain
2. Based on the assessment above, review the Ministry's strategic plan and suggest improvements.
3. Support KLDC and the Ministry by providing input and oversight into the planning and development of the proposed Leather City investment zone.
4. Work with the Textile expert at the Ministry to increase the attractiveness of the industry to local, regional and international investors.
5. Work with the existing regional leather association i.e. Eastern and Southern Africa Leather Industries Association (ESALIA) to support the growth of the regional sector and increase the sector's attractiveness for international and local investors.

Eligibility:

- A post graduate degree in economics, business or any related social science field.
- At least 10 years in a senior management role within the private sector and or government institution and at least 8 years relevant industry experience.
- Experience in directing, coordinating and/or providing leadership on policy issues in the Leather Sector regionally or internationally.
- Highly networked individual in the local and international leather sector at both private sector and government level
- Extensive and demonstrable technical & practical industrial leather processing experience e.g. value chain development, quality assurance, market development, research and development.
- Demonstrated experience in the ability to attract investment to the leather sector internationally and in sub-saharan Africa.

HOW TO APPLY: *Download the detailed Scope of Work (SoW) and guidelines for applying* from the Hub's website: http://www.eatradehub.org/partnership_fund_opportunities

Interested candidates should send their applications to procurementTIH@eatradehub.org by Friday, 14th August 2015, 11.59AM East African Time.