



**THE EAST AFRICA TRADE AND INVESTMENT HUB (EATIH)
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
REF: RFP-NAI-OO25**

The East Africa Trade and Investment Hub (the Hub) is a five-year USAID project intended to spur inclusive economic growth by promoting an enabling environment for trade and investment in the East African region. The project builds upon prior investments to increase regional trade competitiveness and reduce poverty through:

- Integrated East Africa Community (EAC) market with full implementation of the EAC Common Market and Customs Union;
- Increased regional competitiveness driving growth in trade, investment and agriculture; and
- Increased two-way trade and investment between the U.S. and East and sub-Saharan African.

The project pursues these goals through four integrated components:

1. Investment and technology
2. Agriculture and agribusiness
3. Trade promotion and African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)
4. Trade policy and regulatory reform

Under the Hub's project component four (Trade policy and regulatory reform), we invite qualified law firms with demonstrated experience in the East African Community (EAC) region to provide a regular review of the implementation status of the EAC Common Market Protocol, provide reform proposals and contribute to building the capacity of reform agents in implementing the protocol. Each proposal should be in respect to a specific EAC Partner State. Applicants may propose to undertake the assignment in multiple Partner States.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

1. Strengthen the capacity of Uganda/Kenya/Tanzania/Rwanda/Burundi to implement their roll back and stand still requirements of the EAC Common Market Protocol.
2. As required, draft and present reform proposals with the view to resolving observed measures in Uganda/Kenya/Tanzania/Rwanda/Burundi that constrain implementation of the EAC Common Market Protocol.
3. Raise the technical capacities of Uganda/Kenya/Tanzania/Rwanda/Burundi's public and private sectors to initiate, implement and monitor reforms in support of the EAC Common Market Protocol.

SPECIFIC TASKS

1. Over a period of 24 months, provide quarterly updates that track implementation progress on the level of compliance of Uganda/Kenya/Tanzania/Rwanda/Burundi on the movement of capital, services and goods.
2. Over a period of 24 months, draft legal reform proposals where measures inconsistent to the implementation of the EAC Common Market Protocol connected to the movement of capital, services and goods have been assessed in Uganda/Kenya/Tanzania/Rwanda/Burundi.
3. Over a period of 24 months, undertake a monthly scan of legal, regulatory and administrative proposals in Uganda/Kenya/Tanzania/Rwanda/Burundi to assess potential measures that may be inconsistent to the provisions of the EAC Common Market Protocol.
4. Develop and implement training programs to build the capacity of Uganda/Kenya/Tanzania/Rwanda/Burundi's public and private sector reform agents focusing on



key implementation subject areas relevant to the EAC Common Market Protocol. At least 3 modules should be proposed.

5. Undertake a one-off assessment of key legal, regulatory and administrative barriers to accelerated investment and the application of technology in Uganda/Kenya/Tanzania/Rwanda/Burundi.

QUALIFICATIONS

This assignment is open to competition to law firms registered to practice law in Uganda/Kenya/Tanzania/Rwanda/Burundi. The core team will comprise lawyers with expertise in trade and investment law. The firm has the discretion to co-opt as necessary any other skill sets that in their discretion will optimize delivery of the assignment. Specific qualifications of the firm and team lead are outlined in the detailed request for proposals and scope of work.

HOW TO APPLY:

Download the full request for proposals and scope of work from:

http://www.eatradehub.org/partnership_fund_opportunities

Interested candidates should send their proposal to procurementTIHINBOX@eatradehub.org by Friday, February 19, 2016 11:59 East African Time. The proposal submitted should have;

- Organization profile & Curriculum Vitae (not more than 5 pages).
- Proposed technical approach
- Past work experience schedule stating assignment title, brief description of the assignment, client name, value of work done and point of contact.
- Three (3) referees (references listed should be from supervisors or other individuals who reviewed consultancy work completed).
- At least one sample assessment or a deliverable that is similar to this assignment.