



THE EAST AFRICA TRADE AND INVESTMENT HUB (EATIH)

Request for Applicants

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 component 2 of the project, Agriculture and Agribusiness, the project aims to increase intra-regional trade in staple foods to enhance food security and safety as part of promoting regional integration. The purpose of this assignment is to develop a strategy to guide the implementation of EAC Food and Nutrition Security policy.

SPECIFIC TASKS

EATIH requires the services of a firm that will be tasked with the **Development of a Strategy to Guide the Implementation of the EAC Food and Nutrition Security Policy** under the following guidelines:

1. Analyze the current situation of Food and Nutrition security in the EAC with specific focus on the recent developments, challenges and opportunities;
2. Analyze political economy challenges in the implementation of EAC Food and Nutrition Security Policy at regional and national levels;
3. Review EAC Food and Nutrition Security Policy and identify highlights and strategic direction/issues;
4. Based on the strategic issues/objectives in the policy document, identify specific interventions needed to address EAC Food and Nutrition Security situation in the EAC (based on stakeholders consultations), prioritize activities to be undertaken and critical targets to be achieved in the next 5 years;
5. Develop implementation plan which should include strategic objectives, interventions, activities, time frame, target to be achieved , implementing agency (Lead and supporting), indicative resources required;
6. Ensure that issues of gender, youth, environment, climate change, value addition, market access, post-harvest technologies, among others are adequately addressed in the plan; and,



7. Develop monitoring and evaluation plan for implementation of the strategy including log frame.

The study will be undertaken through overall coordination of the EATIH policy and agricultural teams and EAC Agriculture and Health focal persons. It will involve in-depth review of the approved FNSP, recently approved sectoral policies implementation strategic plans, EAC policy organs organizational structure, EAC projects/program budgeting guide, among other documents. Consultations will be undertaken with key stakeholder institutions including the EAC Secretariat (Agriculture Department and Health Departments), EAC Partner States and relevant private sector actors, USAID/EA Food and Nutrition Security team, East, Central and Southern Africa (ECSA) Health Community and UNICEF as well as any other as EAC may guide at the onset of this exercise. Minimal travel is envisaged to the EAC Secretariat at inception stage and during the validation workshops. A detailed description of methods and approaches will be provided by the consultant.

PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

This assignment is to be implemented between May 2016 and August 2016. The consultant shall provide a clear indication when the specified deliverables should be submitted to the EATIH.

PLACE OF PERFORMANCE

The place of performance under this contract is East Africa Community Partner States; Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.

CONDITIONS TO BE MET BY OFFERORS

MANDATORY

1. Certificate of registration/incorporation
2. Past Performance – Provide a list of at least three (3) recent awards of similar scope and duration. The information shall be supplied as a table, and shall include the legal name and address of the organization for which services were performed, a description of work performed, the duration of the work and the value of the contract, description of any problems encountered and how it was resolved, and a current contact phone number of a responsible and knowledgeable representative of the organization.

TECHNICAL

The Applicant must have an existing physical presence and staffing in the EAC region, and demonstrate practical and relevant experience under the following items:

1. Clear understanding of issues around logistics/food distribution in the EAC region
2. Understanding of regional political and economy issues around food security
3. Policy analysis, formulation and implementation
4. Food and Nutrition
5. Project cycle management/results framework/monitoring and evaluation

HOW TO APPLY

Further details on the task requirements and specific details on how to apply are available on our website: http://www.eatradehub.org/dai_opportunities

Women-led/owned firms are strongly encouraged to apply.

The application period will be open until April 4, 2016.