

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

SOUTH AFRICA

“Catalyzing Financing and Capacity for the Biodiversity Economy around Protected Areas”

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: P170213

Assignment Title: _ Feasibility Study and Business Plan for Addo Elephant National Park (AENP) Game Meat Abattoir & Processing Facility

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): _ZA-SANPARKS-314589-CS-CQS___

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the “Catalyzing Financing and Capacity for the Biodiversity Economy around Protected Areas” project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include appointment of a consultant to complete a feasibility study and business plan for Addo Elephant National Park (AENP) Game Meat Abattoir & Processing Facility, over a period of 8 months, between October 2024 – May 2025.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

South African National Parks now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services.

Interested Consultants should submit an EOI (consisting of a brief company profile; a summary of their proposed team highlighting relevant experience & qualifications; and a high-level approach & methodology to the work) demonstrating that they have the appropriate qualifications, experience and understanding of the project requirements, to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- Relevance of Company Profile to the scope of work
- Relevant experience & qualification of the proposed team
- Demonstration of understanding of the scope of work through high level approach & methodology

Key-experts’ CV will not be evaluated at this stage.

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The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interests of the Borrower. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, Consultants shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:

a. firm that has been engaged by the Borrower to provide Goods, Works, or Non-consulting Services for a project (or an affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that firm), shall be disqualified from providing Consulting Services resulting from, or directly related to, those Goods, Works, or Non-consulting Services. This provision does not apply to the various firms (Consultants, contractors, or suppliers), which together are performing the contractor's obligations under a turnkey or design and build contract;

b. firm that has been engaged by the Borrower to provide Consulting Services for the preparation or implementation of a project (or an affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that Consulting firm), shall be disqualified from subsequently providing Goods, Works, or Non-consulting Services resulting from, or directly related to those Consulting Services. This provision does not apply to the various firms (Consultants, contractors, or suppliers), which together are performing the contractor's obligations under a turnkey or design and build contract;

c. neither a Consultant (including personnel and sub-consultants), nor an affiliate (that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that Consultant), shall be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, creates a conflict of interest with another assignment of the Consultant;

d. Consultants (including their experts and other personnel, and sub-consultants), that have a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower, or of the project implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the Bank's financing, or any other party representing or acting on behalf of the Borrower, that is directly or indirectly involved in any part of:

- i. the preparation of the TOR for the assignment;
- ii. the selection process for the contract; or
- iii. the supervision of the contract, may not be awarded a contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the

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Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the contract.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [08:00 to 16:30 hours].

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail by 15 August 2024.

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