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**Project name: Support towards Industrialization and the Productive Sectors in the SADC region (SIPS)**

**Project title:** **Environmental Safeguards Assessment**

**Country:** Botswana

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat, the European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) are jointly supporting the “COVID-19-relevant Medical and Pharmaceutical Products” (CMPP), the Antiretroviral (ARV) and Leather regional value-chain (RVC) projects. These RVCs are part of the Joint Action “Support towards Industrialization and the Productive Sectors in the SADC region (SIPS) project.

The Joint Action SIPS aims to enhance knowledge, systems and procedures in the management of businesses across the RVCs, particularly the enhancement of environmental sustainability and ensuring their production systems are environmentally sustainable as per international and national environmental standards between relevant companies in the region. An important focus of the action is to ensure that the companies interact responsibly with the environment to avoid depletion or degradation of the resources. The objective of this assignment is to:

1. Conduct an environmental awareness/sensitization workshop to enhance environmental management awareness among the representatives of the SIPS supported companies.
2. Describe the national environmental regulatory framework/standards regarding the ARV and CMPP manufacturing sectors in the member states where the selected companies are operating;
3. Conduct an on-site assessment of the environmental safeguards practices and identify compliance gaps with national environmental regulatory standards for each selected company;
4. Prepare an action plan to address the identified compliance gaps and to enhance the antiretroviral and CMPP production systems and processes for environmental sustainability;
5. Monitor the implementation of the action plan at a specified timepoint.

For more detailed information please refer to the attached Terms of Reference (ToR, Annex 1). Prospective bidders for the assignment are invited from the SADC Region (regional tender).

**Submission deadline**

Should you be interested in participating in this regional (SADC) tender and implementing the task and your company is based in the SADC region, please refer to the attached Terms of Reference (Annex 1) for more detailed information. Submission of tender documents to **BW\_Quotation@giz.de**no later than **Monday 22nd August 2022, 15:00 hrs.** Please note that tender bids received after the stipulated time and date **will not** be accepted.

**Technical offer (based on the criteria of the assessment grid (Annex 2)**

The following items must be submitted with the technical proposal drawn up in English language:

1. Technical proposal stating why you consider your service suitable for the assignment and a brief methodology on the approach as well as a detailed work plan
2. CVs of proposed technical personnel proposed for this project highlighting qualifications and experiences
3. The technical offer should not exceed five (10) pages, including interpretation of the assignment, work plan and proposed methodology/strategy.
4. The technical offer will be assessed based on the technical proposal and the provided company profile, examples of similar work undertaken previously and team

**Price offer**

The price offer must be submitted in accordance with the attached format for the price offer (Annex 3) and General Terms and Conditions of contract (Annex 4). Personnel costs should be shown per expert assigned for the measure. Travel costs and all other costs have to be shown separately. All communication related costs, stationery and printing costs for reports have to be included in the calculation. **Please submit your offer in the currency of your country**; during the financial evaluation the amounts will be converted using the exchange rate of the day from the converter Infor Euro: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro_en.cfm>

The following items must be submitted with the **financial proposal**

(a) The financial offer form (Annex 3) to be completed for the price

 offer and clearly indicate the currency used

(b) Company bank letter within 6 months

(c) Company Tax clearance certificate (TCC) (if applicable in your country)

(d) Company Certificate / Certificate of incorporation

**Alternative offers**

No alternative offers are permitted.

**Labelling of offer**

Your bid, comprising the **technical offer** and the **price offer**, must be clearly marked as such with the contract number, tender name and submitted separately (combined technical and financial offers will be disqualified).

**Price offer for (labelled):**

Environmental Safeguards Assessment

Reference number: **83414339
– to be opened by GIZ procurement unit only –**

**Technical offer for (labelled):**

Environmental Safeguards Assessment

**Reference number: 83414339
– to be opened by GIZ evaluation team & Procurement Unit –**

**Procedural questions**

Please address any commercial, technical and procedural questions at an early stage. Questions will be answered if they are received at the latest five working days before the closing of the tender. Questions must be raised in writing, by email to: **dimpho.keitseng@giz.de:**

Non-compliance may result in your bid not being considered.

**Evaluation of Offer**

After the final technical evaluation, technical offers scored 500 points and above only their financial bids will be opened and evaluated. Technical offers below 500 points will be considered as technically not acceptable. The weightings are as below for Technical (T) and Financial (F);

T: 70%, the price offer and F: 30%. The following formula will be used:

$$\frac{technical evaluation of bid x 70}{technical evaluation of best bid}+\frac{most economical bid x 30}{price of bid}$$

The contract will be awarded to the bidder with the highest score (Technical plus Financial weighing), and in case of achieving the same score, a priority is given to the bidder who submitted their bid earlier. Contractual negotiations are generally commenced with the bidder achieving the highest score. Should these negotiations not be successful, the second highest scorer on the list shall be invited to commence negotiations.

**Date of decision to award contract**

For procedural reasons, no information on the status of the evaluation will be given pending the decision on contract award. We would therefore ask you to refrain from making enquiries about this. Only the winning bidder will be informed.

**Acceptance period and Commencement of work**

Please note that you are bound by your bid for 90 days.

GIZ reserves the right to accept, reject and/or cancel any or part of the bid.

GIZ also reserves the right to cancel the bid entirely.

Yours truly,

**Annexes**

1. Terms of Reference
2. Technical Assessment Grid
3. Budget allocation form (for financial proposal)
4. GIZ General Terms and Conditions of contract
5. Firm eligibility