

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES - FIRM)**

Project: AFAWA/CABS Improving Women SMEs Access to Finance in Zimbabwe

Financing Agreement reference: **G-ZW-HOO-ZZZ-003**

Project ID No.: **ML-0086**

EOI Reference No.: *CQS01-CABS/AfDB-8/2023*

Date: 18th August 2023

Title of Assignment: The consultancy services are for Non-Financial Services to Women SMEs

1. Central Africa Building Society (CABS) has received grant funding from the African Development Bank to support a project aimed at Improving Women SMEs Access to Finance in Zimbabwe.
2. CABS intends to apply part of the funding towards the hiring of a consulting firm to provide technical support to enhance non-financial services for Women SMEs. The objective of this assignment is to champion diversification and growth of a sustainable and profitable women SME portfolio for CABS over nine (9) months.
3. CABS invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (documentation, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, references for similar services, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.
4. Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the selection based on Consultants Qualifications (CQS) method and procedures set out in the African Development Bank's Procurement Framework dated October 2015 and is open to all eligible bidders, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.
5. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **7th September 2023 at 16.30 p.m.** Harare time and specifically mention: **"Non-Financial Services to WSMEs"**.
6. Interested consulting firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 8.00 -16:30hrs.

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