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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES (FIRM): AUDIT FIRM TO PROVIDE EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

Reference	**MGCA/SAJJOF/AUDIT/2026/01**
Project	SA Just Energy Transition Jobs First Project (SAJJOF)
Country	South Africa
Financing Agreement reference	5500155015504
Project ID No.	P-ZA-IA0-004
Closing date and time	30 November 2026, 08:00
Submission email	procurement@thegca.co.za

Expressions of Interest must be submitted electronically in PDF format to the stated email address, quoting the reference number in the subject line.

1. BACKGROUND

The Republic of South Africa received grant financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) for the SA Just Energy Transition Jobs First Project (SAJJOF), supporting gender and social inclusion in Mpumalanga and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for Consulting Services (Firm) to provide financial audit services.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE AUDIT

The services included under this project are for an audit firm to provide external audit services. In conducting the audit of the Project Financial Statements (PFS), the overall objectives of the auditor are:

- To obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the PFS are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- To express an independent professional opinion on whether the PFS are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, being International Non-Profit Accounting Standard (INPAS).
- To provide reasonable assurance that the Project books of accounts provide the basis for preparation of the PFS by the Project Implementing Unit (PIU) and are established to reflect the financial transactions in respect of the Project and that the PIU maintained adequate internal controls and supporting documentation for transactions.
- To express an independent professional opinion on the financial position of the Project, to assure that the Project funds have been used for their intended purposes and in accordance with the provisions of the Grant Agreement.
- To obtain reasonable assurance about the achievement of project objectives by matching project physical outputs and achievements to funds disbursed and the timing of the flows.

The auditors must read and understand the project progress report as it provides sufficient information and data to enable them to fully appreciate project achievements.

- To report on the PFS and communicate as required by International Standards on Auditing (ISA) in accordance with the auditor's findings.

3. SCOPE AND DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The selected firm will conduct one independent audit of the SAJJOF project financial statements covering the full grant funded implementation period (2024-2026) in accordance with the Standards specified in 3.2.1 of the Terms of Reference. It should include such tests and controls as the auditor considers necessary under the circumstances.

The services will include financial audit and provide audit opinion on the financial statements of the project. The audit work should be completed within three months from the date of commencement of the audit. The contract will cover two financial years from 2024/2025 and 2025/2026.

4. INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM INTERESTED FIRMS

MGCA now invites eligible Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested firms must provide a statement of capability and relevant experience indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, including:

- Information detailing the company's existence and areas of expertise.
- List of similar assignments and experience in similar conditions.
- List of overall permanent and temporary staff in fields related to the assignment.
- Evidence of past performance.
- Any other relevant information to support the application.

Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

5. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

The audit firm should be registered with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors in South Africa (IRBA) and be in good standing with IRBA, including having satisfactory outcomes from IRBA inspections. The audit firm should have relevant experience in accounting and auditing of development projects, especially donor-funded operations.

6. ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION METHOD

Eligibility criteria: establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Framework for Bank Group Funded Operations" dated 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at: https://www.afdb.org/en/projects-and-operations/procurement/new-procurement-policy. A Consultant will be selected under the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method as set out in the AfDB Procurement Framework.

7. SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Interested consultants may obtain further information and detailed Terms of Reference at the address or website below. Expressions of Interest must be submitted electronically in PDF format to procurement@thegca.co.za by 30 November 2026 at 08:00 and mention “SAJJOF External Financial Audit – EOI – MGCA/SAJJOF/AUDIT/2026/01”.

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