



BUREAU OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES - INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)
NIGERIA

Project: Assessment of the Public Procurement Systems of Nigeria using the Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems (MAPS)

Assignment Title: Individual Consultancy Services for a Procurement Lawyer (International) for the Nigeria MAPS Assessment

Sector: Public Procurement / Governance

Employer: Bureau of Public Procurement

Procurement Reference No: BPP/AFDB/MAPS/02

1. Background:

The Federal Government of Nigeria has received financing from the African Development Bank Group toward the Public Procurement Technical Assistance Project (PPTAP), including support for the assessment of Nigeria's public procurement system using the Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems (MAPS). The Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) intends to apply part of the agreed financing to eligible payments under the contract for Individual Consultancy Services for a Procurement Lawyer (International) for the Nigeria MAPS Assessment.

The principal objective of the assignment is to provide specialised legal and regulatory expertise to the Nigeria MAPS Assessment using the latest applicable version of the Methodology for Assessing Procurement Systems (MAPS), including the applicable User Guide, indicator framework, templates, guidance and quality-assurance requirements issued by the MAPS Secretariat, as updated from time to time; assess the legal and regulatory dimensions of the public procurement system; identify gaps and areas for improvement; and contribute practical and implementable legal and regulatory recommendations to the Assessment Report.

2. Scope of the assignment:

The Procurement Lawyer will support the MAPS assessment with particular focus on the legal and regulatory framework. The assignment includes conducting a desk review of the existing national public procurement legal and regulatory framework and other legislation affecting procurement; assessing and documenting relevant MAPS indicators and sub-indicators and supporting evidence; analysing consistency with internationally accepted procurement principles and practices; identifying legal and regulatory gaps and red flags; proposing specific and implementable legal and regulatory reform recommendations taking into account Nigeria's legal tradition; reviewing and commenting on relevant procurement laws, regulations and related instruments; supporting stakeholder consultations and validation of legal and regulatory findings; and contributing legal and regulatory inputs to the draft and final MAPS Assessment Reports. The Consultant will coordinate with BPP, the Project Implementation Unit, the Lead Consultant, AfDB, the Assessment Team and relevant stakeholders.

3. Terms of Reference and Selection Method:

The detailed Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) and Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/4hiwLXd>. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to review the detailed REOI/TOR before submitting their Expressions of Interest. Further information may be requested by e-mail at: bppmaps@bpp.gov.ng.

An Individual Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) method.

4. Invitation for Expressions of Interest:

The Bureau of Public Procurement now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested applicants shall provide sufficient information demonstrating that they possess the required qualifications and relevant experience for the assignment.

Applicants shall submit the documentation specified in the detailed REOI/TOR, including a detailed and updated Curriculum Vitae and supporting information demonstrating compliance with the qualification and experience requirements. Applications that do not provide sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with the mandatory requirements may be rejected.

5. Shortlisting and Evaluation:

Eligible applicants will be evaluated and ranked on the basis of their qualifications and relevant experience in accordance with the criteria and requirements specified in the detailed REOI/TOR. Only applicants satisfying the mandatory requirements will proceed to detailed scoring and ranking.

6. Eligibility and Selection Procedure:

Eligibility criteria, evaluation and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy for Bank Group-Funded Operations, dated October 2015, as amended from time to time, and the applicable procurement arrangements for the Project. The Consultant will be selected using the Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) method.

Expression of interest by an applicant does not create an obligation on the part of the Bureau of Public Procurement to select or contract the applicant.

7. Qualification requirements:

- The Consultant shall be a senior legal and public procurement specialist with extensive knowledge of public procurement law, regulatory frameworks, institutional arrangements and internationally accepted procurement standards and practices;
- The Consultant shall possess a postgraduate degree (Master's degree or higher) in Law, Public Procurement Law, Commercial Law, Public Policy or another relevant discipline from a recognized institution. The Consultant must be qualified to practise law in his/her jurisdiction;
- The Consultant shall have a minimum of twelve (12) years of progressively responsible professional experience in public procurement law, including substantial experience in the review, drafting and/or reform of public procurement legislation, regulations and related legal instruments;
- The Consultant shall demonstrate substantial experience in legal and regulatory aspects of public procurement system assessments, procurement reform programmes and institutional reform;
- The Consultant shall have successfully undertaken at least two (2) comparable assignments involving review or reform of national public procurement legal and regulatory frameworks. Prior participation in a MAPS assessment will be a strong advantage;

- The Consultant shall demonstrate experience in analysing the consistency of national procurement laws and regulations with internationally accepted procurement principles, standards and good practices;
- The Consultant shall demonstrate international experience in public procurement legal and regulatory reform in at least three (3) countries, preferably including experience in Africa and/or comparable developing-country environments;
- Demonstrated knowledge and experience of Nigeria's legal and public procurement framework or public procurement legal frameworks in Sub-Saharan Africa will be a strong advantage;
- Experience working with multilateral development banks and/or international development institutions, particularly the African Development Bank, World Bank or similar institutions, on procurement law, policy, reform or diagnostic assignments will be an advantage;
- The Consultant shall possess excellent legal research, analytical, drafting, report-writing, stakeholder-engagement and presentation skills, including the ability to translate assessment findings into clear and implementable legal and regulatory recommendations;
- The Consultant shall have excellent written and spoken English.

8. Expected start date and duration:

The expected contract start date is November 2026. The Procurement Lawyer's inputs shall not exceed forty-five (45) working days and shall be provided intermittently in accordance with the approved MAPS assessment work programme. The assignment will support the legal and regulatory assessment, validation and reporting stages through completion of the relevant inputs to the final Assessment Report in 2027.

9. Further information:

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours, Monday to Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. West Africa Time (WAT), excluding public holidays.

10. Deadline for submission:

Expressions of Interest shall be submitted by electronic mail (e-mail) in PDF format and clearly titled **"PROCUREMENT LAWYER (INTERNATIONAL) - NIGERIA MAPS**

ASSESSMENT" to bppmaps@bpp.gov.ng no later than **Friday, October 16 2026 at 11:00 a.m. West Africa Time (WAT).**

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