

HARAMAYA UNIVERSITY

Italian Contribution to the Education Sector Development Programme (ESDP) – Postgraduate Program (PGP)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR TEACHING, RESEARCH AND ADVISORY SERVICES FROM INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES TO SUSTAIN POSTGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AT HARAMAYA UNIVERSITY IN ETHIOPIA

EOI No. PGP/HU/EOI/01/2015

1. Introduction and Program Background

Under the Ethio-Italian Country Program signed in Addis Ababa on 21st June 1999, it was agreed that the education sector is one of the top national priorities to be addressed in order to improve socio-economic conditions and to contribute to the enhancement of human resources development. Accordingly, the Italian government, through the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE-DGCS) is contributing 28.5 million Euro to the Education Sector Development Program (ESDP) by providing direct support and technical assistance from primary to tertiary education, including postgraduate degree programs, through an integrated approach in which the programme activities are being implemented by the Ministry of Education of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (MoE). The “Italian contribution to the ESDP” focuses on the three main components: (i) Institutional Capacity Building and Primary Education, (ii) Upgrading of Technical and Vocational Education and Training and (iii) Postgraduate Program in support of the Universities of Addis Ababa and Haramaya.

MoE intends to apply a portion of the funds received from MAE-DGCS for the financing of the “Italian Contribution to the ESDP–Postgraduate Program (PGP)” (hereinafter referred to as the “program”), to eligible payments under the Contracts(s) for **Teaching, Research and Advisory Service from International Universities** (hereinafter referred to as the “Service”) to sustain postgraduate degree programs at Haramaya University (HU).

2. Objective of the Services

The specific objective of the Services to be provided by any International Universities is to support the HU with particular reference respectively to the academic fields specified here below:

2.1. School of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness

2.2. School of Animal and Range Sciences (Animal Genetics and breeding, Animal Nutrition, Meat and dairy Sciences)

2.3. School of Plant Science (Seed Science and Technology, Hematology (Plant Pathology), Quantitative Genetics & Plant Tissue Culture, Bioinformatics).

2.4. Chromatographic Lab Instruments Operation, Spectroscopic Lab Instruments Operation, and Biotechnology Laboratory Instruments operation for all schools/Colleges),

The support is aimed at promoting applied research and training.



3. Scope of the Services

Professors supporting the above mentioned academic institution will be required to:

- a) Assist their Ethiopian colleagues in the delivery of teaching and training courses at MSc and PhD levels;
- b) Tutor MSc and PhD students during their theses' research;
- c) Share their research, teaching and postgraduate student's supervision best practices with their Ethiopian counterparts;
- d) Assist the Ethiopian counterparts in curriculum revision of the functioning M.Sc/PhD programs and in the initiation of M.Sc/PhD programs in those Departments where these programs are yet to start.

4. Timeframe and Location of the Services

The timeframe for the provision of the Services is three academic years. Professors will be required to provide the Services for a total of **30 months** for the HU. The Services shall be provided at the campuses of Haramaya University in Ethiopia.

5. Purpose of the Request for EOI

The Haramaya University now invited International Universities to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned Services (see para 2. and 3. above).

Expressions of Interest (EOI) may be submitted by any International Universities in the above specified academic fields (see para 2.).

The Universities may associate with other Universities to enhance their qualifications or complement their respective areas of expertise in the form of a consortium or of a sub-consultancy agreement with University (ies) /Faculty (ies)/ Department(s) and university center(s) of research. Such an association may be for the long term or limited in the scope of providing the above-specified services. Under these circumstances, the associations shall appoint one of the Universities to represent the association as leading University. At a later stage, sub-contracting will be not allowed during contract execution.

Interested Universities/ Consortia of Universities must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar condition, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Interested International Universities/Consortia of Universities must apply in English. Each EOI must include all the information against the evaluation criteria listed below (see para 6.) and must clearly indicate the academic fields(s) for which the applicants(s) intend to express interest in being considered for the provision of the Services.

The deadline for the receipt of Expression of Interest is **December 30, 2015 at 5:00p.m.** local time (Haramaya University). Expressions of Interest must be received in a sealed envelope by registered mail, private courier or by hand-delivery to the address below:

To: Haramaya University, Liaison Office
Former German Cultural Building Office No 15, Arat Killo
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Tel. Office: + 251-(0) 111571216/1847
Cellular: 0915747077 OR
Haramaya University



P.O. Box 138, DireDawa, Ethiopia

Tel: + 251(0)-255530355/0405

The outer envelope must bear the EOI reference number above specified and the name of the Program "Italian Contribution to the ESDP- PGP Component". Any expression of Interest received after the deadline will automatically be rejected even if the postmark indicates a date preceding the deadline or if the delay is due to the mail service. Expressions of Interest sent by any other means (eg. Fax or by e-mail) or delivered to different addresses will be rejected.

Requests for further information may be sent by fax no later than 15 calendar days before the deadline for the receipt of Expressions of Interest to the address specified above at the following

FAX No.: 002510255530325 (Att. Postgraduate Program Directorate), clearly indicating the EOI reference number. Replies will be given in written by fax no later than 7 calendar days before the deadline for the receipt to EOI.

6. Shortlist

All the expressions of Interest submitted by any International University/Consortia of Universities, timely and properly received, will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- (I) Overall capacity of the University/Consortia of Universities, 20 pts (in terms of human and financial resources),
- (II) General qualifications for the assignment, 35 pts (list and value of successfully completed international projects as regards teaching, research and/or advisory services),
- (III) Specific experience for the assignment, 35 pts (list and value of successfully completed teaching, research and/or advisory services in fields relevant to the Services),
- (IV) Specific experience in working with African Universities, 10 pts on the basis of the total scores obtained by each Expression of Interest, a minimum of three and maximum of six top international Universities/Consortia of University/Consortia of universities may be included in more than one shortlist. Haramaya University may agree exceptionally to short lists comprising a smaller number of interested Universities/Consortia of Universities when there are less than three qualified interested applicants having expressed of the shortlist and the shortlisted International Universities/Consortia of Universities will be informed in writing by the HU University about the decision concerning their application.

The shortlisted International Universities/ Consortia of Universities will be later invited at the issuance of Request(s) for Proposals by the HU University and the quality and cost-based selection(s) of proposal and subsequent award of contract(s) will be performed in line with the guiding principles provided for by the MAE-DGCS and according to the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011), as specified in the Guidelines for Project Implementation (GPI) annexed to the Intergovernmental Agreement signed on the 22nd of June 2006 in Addis Ababa between Italy and Ethiopia. The shortlist will be valid for the entire duration of the Program from the date of its endorsement by the two parties.

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