

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS IN RWANDA

EU FUNDS FOR EXPORT PROMOTION ASSISTANCE

1. Introduction

Rwanda Bureau of Standards (RBS) has received financing from the European Union for Export Promotion Assistance and intends to use part of the proceeds for certification of Rwandan Organic Products. In the context of facilitating access of organic agricultural products from Rwanda to the international markets, Rwanda Bureau of Standards invites eligible certifying bodies to express their interest in providing organic certification services to Rwandan organic products.

2. Purpose of the services

The purpose of the tender is to find and contract a qualified and capable certifying body which shall offer the above mentioned services.

3. Scope of the certification

The certification shall cover organic coffee production and fresh horticultural products.

4. Competence

The certifying body should have, but not limited to, the following competencies:

- Be accredited.
- Be recognized by the IFOAM as a certifying body or accredited by an accreditation body recognized by IFOAM.
- Have experience of not less than 10 years in certification of organic products.
- The certifying body should have certified at least five other companies in the same operations during the last five years and should provide certificates to confirm these services.
- Have competent inspectors certified for this work.
- Be able to issue organic agriculture certificates for international markets.

5. Execution, duration and schedule of certification

The duration of the contract will be 12 months, starting with August 2008. The consultant is not required to be present in Rwanda during the whole service period. It is planned that certification activities will be conducted depending on the demand of certification from farmers. The certifiers should only be available every time that the certification is needed.

The inspectors of the selected certifying body will be required to work with Rwanda Bureau of Standards as an institution in charge of certification services.

6. Submitting expression of interests

Expressions of interest must be delivered not later than 31/07/2008 to the address below:

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7. Specific activities of the service

- Initial inspection
- Report for corrective actions
- Send reports through Rwanda Bureau of Standards
- Follow up for implementation of corrective actions
- Issue certificates.
- Any other activity as deemed necessary by both the Certifying body and Rwanda Bureau of Standards.

8. Expected output of the service

At the end of the service, complying farmers should be able to get certification for their products and access the markets.

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