GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

GHANA

GHANA STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Credit No.: 5010-GH Grant No.: TF010425-GH Project ID No.: P118858

The Ghana Statistical Service has received financing in the amount of US\$ 40 Million (Forty Million US Dollars) equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Ghana Statistics Development Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, related services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project will be jointly financed by the International Development Association (IDA) and the Statistics for Results Facility-Catalytic Fund (SRF-CF)

The overall objective of the Project is to strengthen the National Statistical System in the production and dissemination of timely and robust statistics relevant for evidence-based policy-making and other uses.

The project will include the following components:

- (a) *Institutional Reform and Organizational Change:* This component will finance: (a) retraining of GSS staff; and (b) buy-out of surplus staff in line with GSS reform strategy.
- (b) *Enhancing Capacity*: This component will finance: (a) capacity building of GSS and MDA statistical units; (b) improvements to the statistical framework- the underlying systems that need to be in place to ensure the production of quality statistics; and (c) investment in physical infrastructure and equipment, including computer systems, reliable internet connection and appropriate security measures, transport and other tools.
- (c) **Data Production and dissemination:** This component will support: (a) improvements in data collection, compilation, validation, management and analysis of data and (b) communication in order to improve the quality, timeliness, availability and use of socio-economic data.
- (d) **Project management and Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E):** This component will finance goods, consultantsø services and training and incremental operating costs for managing, monitoring and evaluation of the project

Specifically, the project seeks to build on the legal and institutional reform that was initiated under the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (MDTF), including reviewing and recommending the appropriate staffing needs and levels for the implementation of the Ghana Statistics Development

Plan; capacity building in terms of training, upgrading ICT equipment; improving the quality and dissemination of statistical products. Goods to be procured under the project include hardware, software and information communication equipment, stationery, vehicles, furniture and consultancy services.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bankøs <u>Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers</u> (January, 2011), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines. Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the World Bankøs <u>Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers</u> (January, 2011).

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the World Bankøs international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures and for contracts for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in United Nations Development Business Website, *UN Development Business*, World Bank external website; Ghana National Procurement Authority Website; and two national newspapers with wide circulation. National Competitive Bidding (NCB) will be advertised nationally in two newspapers with wide circulation; Ghana National Procurement Authority Website and the Ghana Statistical Service Website.

Interested eligible bidders who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive invitations to prequalify/bid under ICB procedures, and interested consultants who wish to receive a copy of advertisement requesting expressions of interest for consultancy contracts, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below.

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