



## Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

### REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (INDIVIDUAL CONSULTING SERVICES)

#### ***SAMOA AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES PRODUCTIVITY AND MARKETING PROJECT (SAFPROM)***

Grant No.: D438-WS

**Assignment Title: Value Chain Studies for ginger, black pepper, capsicum, banana, watermelon and tomatoes**

**Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): WS-MAF-149942-CS-INDV**

The Government of Samoa ("GoS") has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Samoa Agriculture and Fisheries Productivity and Marketing Project (SAFPROM), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the following consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include supporting the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) in ensuring access to and understanding of the selected high value crops.

The detailed Terms of Reference ("TOR") can be obtained at the address given below.

The MAF now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. To apply, please provide a cover letter and attach a curriculum vitae with a full description of experience in similar assignments, similar conditions, relevant to the assignment described in the TOR. Individual Consultants employed by Firms' may express interest through the Firm for the assignment and, under such situation, only the experience and qualifications of the Consultant shall be considered in the selection process. The criteria for selecting the Consultant are:

- A post graduate qualification in crops agronomy, plant physiology, agribusiness or another relevant field.
- A minimum of seven (7) years professional experience in fruit and vegetable production, with specific experience operating in developing countries and/or production circumstances similar to Samoa.
- Able to communicate effectively and efficiently in spoken and written English.
- Evidence of past experience in similar work with demonstrated skills at international level in the design and management in value chain development programs.
- In addition, the candidate should be self-motivated, dynamic and able to adapt well in an international and multi-cultural environment.
- Experience in the Pacific region is preferable but not essential.

The successful consultant must have current Samoan business licence, or obtain one prior to commencement of the assignment, in accordance with the Business Licence Act 1998.

The attention of interested Consultants (including Individual Consultants nominated by Firms) is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement

Regulations for IPF Borrowers” July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 (“the Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by email) by **5.00pm** (Apia local time) on **06<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. Email submissions should not exceed 4Mb and a read receipt should be requested.

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