

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS (EOI)

FINANCIAL CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE STAFF OF THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SAMOA (DBS) AND THE SAMOA BUSINESS HUB (SBH)

PROJECT OVERVIEW AND ROLE

The objective of this consultancy assignment is to improve the knowledge and skills of DBS and SBH staff when assisting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) to restructure their overall business, finances and credit lines in the COVID-19 environment. The consultants will also assist 20 MSME to restructure their credit lines; obtain new loans; or take other concrete actions that will have a positive impact on their viability.

The Lead Consultant for the assignment has been procured. They are based overseas; and due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state of emergency restrictions they can only provide technical assistance via online platforms. Hence, the local consultant is procured to bridge the gap between the international consultant and the agencies requesting the technical assistance (i.e. DBS and SBH).

The Terms of Reference for this assignment can be requested from Mathew Tofilau (<u>mathew.tofilau@mcil.gov.ws</u>) or Hermine Raeli-McCarthy (<u>hermine.raeli@mcil.gov.ws</u>). Short-listed candidates will be required to participate in a short interview.

The following information is provided for reference:

CLOSING TIME & DATE: 5:00pm, Friday 2-OCT-2020 SUBMIT EOI TO: Muliufi Nickel (<u>muliufi.nickel@mcil.gov.ws</u>)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This Technical Assistance (TA) assignment is being funded by New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade through Component 1 of the Samoa Private Sector Development Programme (PSDP). This component is implemented by Samoa's Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour with support from Palladium, the Programme Implementation Contractor. Decisions on TA assignments including approval of final deliverables are made by a Project Approval Committee comprising of Government of Samoa Ministries, Development Partners, and Private Sector Organisations.