



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

Country: Independent State of Samoa

Name of Project: Samoa Finance Sector Resilience and Development Project

Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: IDA – E3780

Assignment Title: **Data Gap Analysis, Capacity Building, and Facilitate Task Force Creation for Financial Sector Climate Risk**

Reference No.: CBS/CS/007

1. The Government of Samoa has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the SFSRDP P181456 and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. This project aims to strengthen the resilience of Samoa's financial sector by enhancing the Central Bank of Samoa's ("CBS") capacity to assess and mitigate climate-related financial risks, ensuring the robustness of the financial system against growing climate events.
3. The consulting services ("the Services") will focus on identifying key risks by analyzing available financial, economic, and climate-related data, as well as developing a data collection framework. Additionally, the firm will provide capacity-building initiatives and facilitate collaboration among stakeholders in Samoa. The project is to be entirely managed and executed by the selected firm, with an estimated duration of 12 months, ensuring the completion of all tasks within the specified timeline. The consulting firm is expected to begin work in November 2025.
4. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.cbs.gov.ws and www.mof.gov.ws or can be obtained at the address given below:

Central Bank of Samoa
Financial Supervision & Regulatory Services Department
Level 5, Central Bank of Samoa Building
2 Apia City Boulevard
Email: siavata.nofoaiga@cbs.gov.ws

5. CBS now invites eligible consulting firms (“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 (refer to the Terms of Reference – TOR for the requirements).
6. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - a. **Experience related to Financial Sector**
 - Experience in working with the financial sector (at least 5 years) particularly with commercial banks and insurance companies would be considered an advantage.
 - b. **Climate-related financial risk assessment methodologies**
 - Demonstrated deep experience and a proven track record in developing climate-related financial risk assessment methodologies.
 - Practical application of these methodologies in real-world scenarios in EMDEs, showcasing the ability to assess and manage climate-related financial risks effectively.
 - c. **Data handling and processing:**
 - Proven expertise in developing and implementing data collection infrastructure.
 - Ability to manage large data sets, ensure data integrity, and perform advanced data analysis.
 - Experience with various data processing tools and techniques to support accurate and efficient data management.
 - d. **Experience in capacity building and workshop provisioning**
 - Strong background in capacity building and training, with experience in designing and delivering training programs.
7. The consultant firm shall propose the assignment of a core team composed, at the minimum, of the following key experts:
 - a. Financial sector specialist
 - b. Data Scientist / Data Analyst
 - c. Policy and Regulatory Expert

Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. Please refer to the Terms of Reference (TOR) for further details and minimum requirements for key experts.

8. The attention of interested Consultants 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 in November 2020, setting forth the World Bank’s Policy on conflict of interest.
9. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture (“JV”) and/or

a sub-consultancy. In the case of a JV, all the partners in the JV shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

10. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations in paragraph 7.

11. Further information can be obtained at the address below during **9.00am to 4.00pm, Samoa time, on working days:**

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12. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or through electronic submission through the Government e-Portal https://portal.tenderlink.com/mof_samoa/ by **Monday, 07 July 2025, 11am Samoa time.**

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