





REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Individual Consulting Services)

Country:Independent State of SamoaName of the Project:Samoa Finance Sector Resilience and Development Project
(SFSRDP) 2025 – 2029 (World Bank Financed Project P181456)Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: IDA – E3780Project Manager/Consultant for the Implementation of the Supervisory
Technology (Suptech) PlatformReference No.:CBS/ICS/006

- 1. The Samoa Government has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the development of the SFSRDP P181456 and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payment of this Project Manager/Consultancy services ("Project Manager").
- 2. As a component of the SFSRDP, the Central Bank of Samoa ("the Bank") is looking to enhance Samoa's financial supervisory and national payment systems. The project aims to develop a modern Supervisory Technology (SupTech) platform to facilitate efficient regulatory reporting and data management.
- 3. The consultancy services ("the Services") includes planning, executing, and managing the implementation of the SupTech platform for the Bank. The Project Manager is to ensure that the platform meets the Bank's regulatory and operational needs, and aligns with best practices, and is delivered within the set timeline and budget. The assignment will be undertaken by an individual on a part time contractual basis for a twenty four (24) month period. It is anticipated that the Project Manager will commence on the September 2025.
- 4. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and further information for the assignment can be downloaded from the website: <u>www.cbs.gov.ws</u> and <u>www.mof.gov.ws</u> or can be obtained at the address given below:

Central Bank of Samoa Financial System Development Department Level 1, Central Bank of Samoa Building 2 Apia City Boulevard

Email: lanna.lome@cbs.gov.ws

- 5. EOI (s) received after the deadline for submission will be returned unopened.
- 6. The Bank now invites eligible all Individual ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing services. All interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform the Services (attach curriculum vitae with the description of experience in similar assignments, similar conditions, responsiveness to the TOR etc.). Firms; staff may express interest through the employing firm for the assignment and, under such situation, only the experience and qualifications of individuals shall be considered in the selection process.
- 7. The shortlisting criteria for the selecting the Consultant are:

Mandatory

- A minimum of a bachelor's degree in finance, information technology, business administration, or a related field. A master's degree is preferred.
- At least 5 years relevant experience in the financial sector, particularly in regulatory technology, digital financial services, or financial inclusion projects.
- Proven experience in managing and implementing similar SupTech or financial technology projects, preferably within the financial sector.
- Strong technical skills in IT infrastructure, data migration, and system integration.
- Excellent communication and stakeholder management skills.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving abilities.
- Ability to work in a dynamic and fast-paced environment.

Desirable

- Certification in project management is preferred and the candidate with the equivalent certificate or experience is an advantage.
- Experience in regulatory, digital financial services or financial inclusion projects in the Pacific Island Countries or small island developing countries.
- Previous experience working with projects funded by multilateral developments banks would be an advantage.
- 8. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers* dated September 2023 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- 9. The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection method set out in World Bank Procurement Regulations.
- 10. Further information can be obtained at the address mentioned during 9.00 am to 4.00 pm on working days:

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11. 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 11am Samoa time, 16 June 2025.

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