



Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa

CONSULTANCY TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT PROPOSALS

AGRA's mission is to trigger an African-led green revolution based on smallholder farmers in 13 countries in Africa. To achieve this, AGRA works with a range of partners, from African governments, international partners, the private sector to public institutions to lead the implementation activities.

AGRA's **Soil Health Program** makes its investments in 4 sub-programs: research, extension, fertilizer policy and supply, and training and education. The program intends to recruit consultants to facilitate the development of several key projects in its sub-programs and support in providing oversight in their implementation. The consultant will work under the supervision of the program officers, and will engage directly through field visits and workshops with project teams to provide technical support. A fair amount of travelling is expected.

Specific tasks:

1. Guiding potential grantees in developing quality projects proposals
2. Conducting oversight on projects implementation and reporting
3. Strengthening the capacity of the ISFM Scale-out grantees to conduct quality on-farm demonstrations, adaptive research, and analyze emerging data.
4. Developing brief technical reports that highlight the progress of the projects and synthesize emerging lessons.

Qualifications and Competencies:

- Advanced university degree (PhD/MSc or equivalent) in an agricultural related discipline, with at least 5 years post-qualification experience.
- Good conceptual and project development skills, including development of high quality donor-funding proposals. Evidence of such proposals may be required.
- Excellent writing and communication skills in English (ability to write in both French and English especially for scientific and policy-oriented audiences would be an added advantage).
- Excellent computing skills especially in Excel, Access, PowerPoint, MS Word, among others.

Duration:

This is a four-month consultancy, effective from 15th March to 15th July 2012. This period could be extended depending on performance and the need for the position.

Interested candidates should send their expressions of Interest (EoIs) on or before 24th February 2012 to the following email address:
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