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**PUNTLAND STATE
OF SOMALIA**
Ministry of Finance

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

COUNTRY: Puntland State of Somalia (PSS)

NAME OF PROJECT: Somalia Domestic Revenue Mobilization and Public Financial Management

Capacity Strengthening Project - Phase II

PROJECT ID: P151492 **Grant No.:** TF-A0388

Assignment Title: *Financial Specialist for Public Accounts Committee, Puntland House of Representatives.*

Reference No.: SO-MOF-PL-177907-CS-INDV

Place of assignment: Garowe, Puntland, Somalia

1. Background

The members of the Public Accounts Committee of Puntland House of Representatives (HOR) are voted by the House for one term. The committee consist of 7 members from different background and professions. Article 62 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament mandates the PAC with the responsibility for the overall economic financial and oversight of the public funds. The overall PFM reform objective of the Government is “to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of public financial management processes, and systems in order to provide timely, transparent and accurate financial information across the public sector to underpin policy formulation and inform Government decision making in support of service delivery”. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in Puntland Parliament is key to ensure compliance with Financial Regulations to maintain transparency and accountability. The Public Accounts Committee examines the audited financial statements and reports to Auditor General and other financial reports from Ministry of Finance.

2. Objective and Scope of Work

A Financial Specialist is required to provide Public Financial Management (PFM) technical assistance to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) in the Parliament. The main objective of the Financial Specialist services under this TOR is to provide technical assistance to PAC on matters relating to examining on all reports of the Auditor General, and Ministry of Finance Financial Reports including reports of the results of performance audits, compliance audits, procurement audits and any other audit reports that are tabled in the Parliament. While focusing on the key aspects of this assignment, the PFM Specialist is required to assist the Committee with the decision relating to government policy on tax and other financial matters required for legislation, also to assist the committee to ensure aggregate fiscal discipline in the use of public finances in that the budget of Puntland as appropriated by parliament is implemented as originally intended. Any budgetary changes must be appropriately controlled and predictable to meet the overall strategic aspirations of Puntland both in the medium and long term. Develop action plan for capacity building of the PAC with clear KPI and timelines based on the capacity of the finance management function assessment (people, process and systems) including its current organization structure, identify weaknesses and all other specific tasks detailed in in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the

assignment that can be found at the following website: <http://mofpuntland.com> or can be provided upon submission of application in person or by e-mail. The email address is: Procurement@mof.plstate.so.

3. **Selection Criteria:**

Selection shall be based on qualification and experience of the candidate and followed by an interview. The minimum qualification, experience and skills should include:

- a. Master's degree preferable in Accounting, Public Administration, Public Financial Management, Public Policy. Full membership of a professional accountancy body recognized by International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) such as CA/ACCA/CPA/CIMA is an added advantage.
- b. At least 5 years' experience, 3 years of which to be specific working in public sector accounting roles, government budgets and public audit roles.
- c. Proven experience in delivering public sector accounting, audit and budget training
- d. Knowledge of best practices in Public Sector Financial Reports is must.
- e. Advance knowledge of auditing, government budgets and control standards.
- f. Knowledge of Puntland and Somalia Financial Regulations is highly desirable
- g. Knowledge of Puntland tax jurisdiction is must
- h. Excellent report writing and presentation skills
- i. Both English and Somali Language are required for this position.
- j. Experience working in Puntland Public Accounts Committee is an advantage.
- k. Strong inter-personal skills, proven motivation and demonstrated ability to lead teams.
- l. Technical knowledge and experience in undertaking change management and capacity building in the public sector especially in public financial management reforms.
- m. Proven skills in the use of computer software applications including spreadsheets, accounting packages and word-processing.
- n. Experience working in hard and difficulty environments with flexible working hours and handling extensive work-load with minimum supervision
- o. Knowledgeable of the current government payment systems and international public-sector accounting standards.

4. **Duration:**

The assignment will have a duration of working days equivalent one year.

5. **REPORTING**

The Financial Specialist shall work under the overall guidance of the Puntland Public Accounts Committee Chairman and Project Coordinator in the Ministry of Finance for overall PFM Project progress report requirement.

6. **The Ministry of Finance** now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested Individual Consultants must submit their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and cover letter indicating that they are qualified to perform the services.

7. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Financing Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services dated July 2016 and revised in November 2017 and August 2018, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants Selection method set out in the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations.

8. Mode of submission of Applications and deadline:

Interested applicants may obtain further information including a detailed Terms of Reference from the Ministry in person or by e-mail to the address given below during office hours from 9.00 a.m.– 4.00 p.m. Saturday to Thursday.

The detailed Terms of Refence (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <http://mofpuntland.com> or it can be provided upon submission of application in person or by e-mail.

9. Expressions of interest (EOI) and CV must be delivered (in person or by e-mail) in a written form in two (2) hard copies (if not by e-mail) to the address below by **15th October 2020 at 11:00 am (Garowe Time) – marked clearly as – *Financial Specialist for Public Accounts Committee, Puntland House of Representatives.***

10. Attention: Public Financial Management Reform Coordination Unit, Ministry of Finance, Garowe, Puntland State of Somalia

Email: Procurement@mof.plstate.so and copy dg@mof.plstate.so

NB: Female candidates are encouraged to apply.

NB. Only Shortlisted candidates will be contacted