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TERMS OF REFERENCE

For the Consultancy Services On

“DEVELOPMENT OF WEB PORTAL FOR THE ASRIC SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS”

1. INTRODUCTION:

The African Union, established as a unique Pan African continental body, is charged with spearheading Africa's rapid integration and sustainable development by promoting unity, solidarity, cohesion and cooperation among the peoples of Africa and African States as well as developing a new partnership worldwide. The African Union Scientific, Technical and Research commission (AU-STRC) is a specialized technical institution of the African Union with a long history founded in 1954, the AU-STRC has been at the vanguard of promotion of science and technology in the past 6 decades at continental level. AU-STRC is the secretariat of the African Scientific Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC).

ASRIC Scientific Journals are under the auspices of the African Scientific Research and Innovation Council (ASRIC). The ASRIC was adopted by the African Union Executive Council Decision (EX.CL/Dec.747 (XXII)), Addis Ababa 2013, and was inaugurated in November 2018 in accordance to its Statute. Annually, ASRIC conducts its Congress and at the second ASRIC Congress a call was made for the creation of a journal which will publish high quality, original research articles. Five thematic areas have been identified as follows: Agricultural Sciences; Health Sciences; Social Sciences; Engineering Sciences and Natural Sciences. As a result the ASRIC Scientific Journals is a consolidation of five journals categorized according to the thematic areas. The ASRIC Journal of Agricultural Sciences; ASRIC Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities; ASRIC Journal of Engineering Sciences; ASRIC Journal of Natural Sciences;. The ASRIC Scientific Journals is published annually.

ASRIC Scientific Journals is managed by the ASRIC Bureau and Secretariat. The vision of the ASRIC Scientific Journals is to be the Africa highest quality journal, attracting African Scientific excellence from the continent and the diaspora. It has the goal to have enormous impact on the global Knowledge society and to be recognized as one of the most highly ranked journals in the world.

Due to the evolving nature of the activities of the ASRIC, the Secretariat (AU-STRC) is seeking the services of IT Consultant with expertise to develop the web portal the ASRIC Scientific Journals.

2. SCOPE OF ASSIGNMENT:

- To develop dynamic web portal site for the ASRIC Scientific Journals in accordance with the current web technology trends.
- To ensure continuous improvement of the ASRIC Scientific Journals web portal and existing websites of the ASRIC and AU-STRC for duration of the contract.

3. SCHEDULE OF THE ACTIVITY:

The consultant is expected to develop a work plan on how to achieve the tasks as part of the application for the consultancy considering the following:

- The ASRIC Scientific Journals should be to fully developed and operational in a period not more than 60 days from the contract signing.
- Monthly updates and improvements of the ASRIC Scientific Journals web portal and existing websites of the ASRIC and AU-STRC. All content sent out to the consultant should be uploaded to the website within 48 hours from receiving.

4. TIMELINE:

The timeline of the contract is for a period of six (6) months from the date of signing the contract, which may be extended upon the mutual agreement between the consultant and the client.

5. EXPERTISE REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants should have demonstrable experience in designing, developing, testing, and implementing information systems and web applications.
- Applicants should illustrate their technical capacity to implement the scope of assignment, including a Curriculum Vitae, highlighting skills and experiences related
- Applicants should submit a prospective work plan detailing the technical approach, methodology and tools for the web development to accomplish the assignment.

6. LICENSE AND COPYRIGHTS:

AU-STRC shall hold all copyrights and license(s) of the web applications developed.

7. DELIVERABLES:

- Full functional Web portal for the ASRIC scientific Journals
- Continuous improvement of the Web portal for the ASRIC scientific Journals and existing websites of the ASRIC and AU-STRC

8. TERMS OF PAYMENT:

The total payment is be Ten thousand United States Dollars (10,000 USD). The terms of payment will be result-based on the deliverables specified as follows:

	DELIVERABLE	PAYMENT
1	Full functional Web portal for the ASRIC scientific Journals	25%
2	Continuous improvement of the Web portal for the ASRIC scientific Journals and existing websites	50%

	<i>(Payment will be made monthly in equal amounts for the remaining duration of the contract after the deliverable 1 is achieved)</i>	
3	Handing over report, any other project documents and all source code for the web applications developed	25%
	TOTAL	100%

9. EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS:

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria.

		Score
1	General qualification	25
1.1	Education	10
1.2	Membership in professional organizations	5
1.3	Publications	5
1.4	Proficiency in more than one of the African Union working languages	5
2	Specific Experience directly related to assignment	50
2.1	Specific Qualification related to the assignment	20
2.2	Specific Experience related to the assignment	20
2.3	Certifications and professional attainment related to the assignment	10
3	Adequacy of approach	25
3.1	Adequacy and quality of work plan	10
3.2	Technical approach and methodology	15
	Maximum Total Score	100

10. DEADLINE OF SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

All the documents must reach the African Union Scientific Technical and Research Commission not later than **30 September, 2021: 16.00 hours (+1 GMT)** on the following:

By email:

seblea@africa-union.org and copied to bayekap@africa-union.org

or

By postal service to the address below:

The Local Procurement Committee
African Union Scientific Technical and Research Commission
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Note: Any application received beyond the deadline will not be accepted