



Millennium Development Authority (MiDA)

Consultancy Opportunity

The Millennium Development Authority (MiDA) set up by the Millennium Development Authority Act, 702 and 709, 2006, to oversee the implementation of the \$547.1 million Compact between the Government of Ghana and the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) on behalf of the US Government, for the reduction of poverty through modernisation of agriculture in 30 selected districts in the Northern Region, Afram Basin and southern Ghana, is seeking an independent consultant to support the Financial Services & Bank Capacity Building component of the Ghana Country Program.

1. Role

The independent consultant will function as a **Project Support Consultant (PSC)** to the Agricultural Financial Services & Bank Capacity Building Manager for Agricultural Credit Activities and be responsible principally for the following:

- Monitoring and reporting on the performance of consultants, contractors and implementing entities (IE) involved in delivering the Agricultural Credit subcomponent of the Ghana Country Program in terms of the quality and timeliness of their deliverables.
- Monitoring actual project implementation and progress, reviewing reports and documents concerning the progress of collaborative programs, determine bottlenecks and make recommendations for corrective action where necessary.
- Assisting in the preparation and implementation of workshops, seminars and other events on subjects that are overarching to the delivery of agricultural credit, implementation of rural bank computerisation and national payment programme.

- Undertake specific assignment under various Implementing Entity Agreements (IEA) and/ or Memoranda of Understanding with project partners and flag issues that require attention to facilitate project implementation.

2. Person Specification

The preferred person must have the following educational/professional qualification, experience and skills:

- A minimum of a good first degree in any of the following areas Economics, Business, Banking & Finance, Agricultural Sciences and Development Studies.
- Knowledge of the banking sector in Ghana, rural financing/banking, financial services, credit management, and financial systems.
- At least 4 years experience in project management including contract administration
- Familiarity with the agricultural sector, in particular the crop sub-sector, will be an advantage.
- Strong analytical, presentation, interpersonal and report writing skills.
- Conversant with Microsoft Office Suite especially, Word, Excel, Project and PowerPoint.

3. Mode of Application

To receive consideration, interested persons should apply **On-Line**, attaching to their application letter (i) their curriculum vitae of not more than four (4) A4-size pages with three professional references, (ii) contact phone number(s) and e-mail address (es) by which they could easily be reached and (iii) history of involvement in agricultural credit activities or agric credit consultancies undertaken.

Applications should be mailed to jobcode56@mida.gov.gh. No hard copy applications will be accepted.

Applications must be received in the e-mail box no later than midnight of February 21, 2010

Applications will be treated with the strictest confidentiality. Telephone and fax enquiries on submitted applications will not be entertained.

Contact will be made only with shortlisted applicants.

Information regarding this advertisement, the Millennium Development Authority (MiDA) and specific details on the Ghana Compact is available at www.mida.gov.gh.