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DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAM, INDUSTRIAL ACCELERATION,
COMPETITIVENESS AND JOBS (DAICE)

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT UNIT

NOTICE OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RELATING TO THE
RECRUITMENT OF A LABORATORY FOR
ASSESSMENT OF CONFORMITY TO STANDARDS
OF FIFTY (50) PRODUCTS WHOSE STANDARDS
ARE MADE MANDATORY

February 2025

INFORMATION FOR REGISTRATION FOR SIGOMAP V2

As part of the process of dematerialization of public procurement, companies taking part in this call for tenders are invited to register in version 2 of the Integrated System for the Management of Public Procurement Operations (SIGOMAP V2) on the following link: www.sigomap.gouv.ci

The list of required documents is as follows: ÿ Identity

document of the business manager

ÿ Identity document of the agent

ÿ Employer authorization for the creation of the

account (the employer authorization template is

downloadable from the documents submission page

supporting documents)

Groups of companies must create a group account in SIGOMAP, at the address indicated above, to submit their offers.

NB: To create a business group account, please click on the "create your company account" tab, then select "non-national economic operators" and follow the steps to create the account. Furthermore, if the group is made up of companies A, B, C and D, the name of the group will be group A/B/C/D.

If you have any problems, contact the DGMP

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GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

Contracting Authority: Ministry of Trade and Industry / Management Unit
 Diversification Program, Industrial Acceleration,
 Competitiveness and Employment (DAICE)

1. Source of funding : STATE budget
2. Purpose of the AMI: Recruitment of a laboratory for the assessment of conformity to the standards of 50 products whose standards are made mandatory
3. Budget allocation: 622100
4. Fiscal year: 2025
4. Type of market: Consultant Service
5. Award method: Selection Based on Quality and Cost (SFQC)
- p. 6. This Notice of Expression of Interest is composed of a single lot

Reserve 7. Reservation of the lot(s) for local Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) (in accordance with the validated Procurement Plan (PPM)).

Lot (s)	Lot designation	Share reserved for local SMEs	
Unique	Recruitment of a laboratory for the assessment of conformity to the standards of fifty (50) products whose standards are made mandatory	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Non <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NOTICE OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NO. S 38/2025

Recruitment of a laboratory for the assessment of conformity to the standards of fifty (50) products whose standards have been made mandatory

Financing Agreement Reference: 2000200006301 / 5050200001851

Project Identification No.: P – CI – GB0 -002

1. Côte d'Ivoire has requested and obtained funds from the African Development Bank Group (AfDB) and the African Growing Together Fund (AGTF) to cover the cost of implementing the Diversification, Industrial Acceleration, Competitiveness and Employment (DAICE) Program, and intends to use part of the sums granted to make authorized payments under the service contract relating to the assessment of conformity to the standard of fifty (50) products whose standards have been made mandatory.
2. The service provided under this contract consists of carrying out analyses of current products in order to strengthen the safety and well-being of populations. Specifically, this will involve:
 - Strengthen and improve the national system for assessing the conformity of products whose standards are made mandatory;
 - Estimate the actual level of quality of certain locally manufactured consumer products;
 - Sanction industrial companies in violation in accordance with provisions of the regulations in force;
 - Strengthen the competitiveness of “Made in Côte d'Ivoire” products and clean up the Ivorian market of products that do not comply with mandatory application standards;
 - Protect the health of consumers.
3. The purpose of this Call for Expressions of Interest (CEI) is to solicit the services of a Laboratory to be part of the shortlist.
4. The services expected under this contract relate to the assessment of conformity to the standards of fifty (50) products whose standards are made mandatory.
5. The mission of the laboratory will consist of:

Step 0: Prospecting, establishing the list of target companies and planning

The objective of this stage is to conduct a preliminary search of targeted businesses using the existing database, exploring not only industrial areas but also supermarkets. This will allow for an inventory of items sold on the surface to be compiled and traced back to the manufacturing companies. This stage is crucial for carefully planning interventions.

(the sectors to be examined and their location, the sworn agents, the deployment date).

Step 1: Sample collection and delivery to the laboratory

Samples for laboratory analysis are taken according to a sampling plan defined by the laboratory based on a sampling standard.

Samples must be transported in accordance with the provisions set out in the standards.

Step 2: Analyses, laboratory tests and transmission of results to the DPQN

The analyses and tests are carried out by the recruited laboratory, in accordance with current standards. The results must be sent to the DPQN in a sealed envelope as soon as possible.

Step 3: Preparation of the activity review report

The DPQN will prepare an activity report to be sent to the Program Management Unit (PMU). This report will present a statistical analysis of the information to highlight the rate of compliant and non-compliant products, the rate of companies with proof of compliance; follow-up of recommendations.

6. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, through the DAICE Program, invites interested candidates to express their interest in providing the services described above. Interested laboratories must provide information on their capacity and experience demonstrating that they are qualified for the services (letter of expression of interest, documentation, reference of similar services, experience in comparable missions, availability of qualified personnel, etc.).

Laboratories may form partnerships to increase their chances of qualification. In this case, the expression of interest must include in its application:

- A copy of the grouping agreement concluded by all of its members; or
- A letter of intent to form a grouping in the event that its proposal is accepted, signed by all of its members and accompanied by a copy of the proposed grouping agreement.

The contracting authority reserves the right to verify all information provided by the tenderer.

7. The total duration of the mission is six (6) months from the date entered on the start-up service order which will be sent to the Consultant.

8. **Profile and expertise of the Laboratory**

The service to be recruited must be a laboratory:

- accredited for the field of intervention and have a valid authorization to exercise activities in the field of the products cited in the "field of intervention"

and target " and

- with at least five (05) years of experience in the field of product conformity assessment.

All missions must be justified by certificates of proper execution (ABE) or certificates corresponding to the end of the services.

The consultant must provide a detailed CV of each proposed key personnel, written in French, accompanied by a certified copy of the required diploma and employment certificates. The CV must be written in French and signed jointly by the person concerned and the bidding organization.

9. The eligibility criteria, establishment of the shortlist of five (05) to eight (08) candidates and the selection procedure will comply with the provisions of Ordinance No. 2019-679 of July 24, 2019. The method used will be Selection Based on Quality and Cost (SFQC).

10. Laboratories (or groups of laboratories) may obtain additional information at the address mentioned below, during the following office opening hours:

from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Diversification and Industrial Acceleration Program Management Unit,
Competitiveness and Employment (DAICE) located at II-Plateau-Saint-Jacques, Abidjan-Ivory Coast.

Telephone number: (+225) 07 87 67 67 66 / 07 08 37 61 85

Email : programme2024daice@gmail.com

11. Expressions of interest must be submitted online in the virtual space (SIGOMAP) dedicated to this purpose no later than 04/04/2025 at 2:00 p.m. universal time, deadline, including :

- a letter of expression of interest addressed to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry / Program Management Unit for Diversification, Industrial Acceleration, Competitiveness and Jobs (DAICE), signed and stamped by the bidder or group of bidders, eliminatory;
- A copy of the Trade and Personal Property Credit Register (RCCM) or any other equivalent document for foreign companies, eliminatory;
- A certificate of non-bankruptcy for foreign companies dating back less than six (6) years months to the deadline for submission of offers, eliminatory;
- The candidate's presentation (legal existence, organization, personnel);
- Relevant references relating to the execution of similar missions (project sheet, Certificate of Good Performance (ABE));

- The list of people that the bidder intends to involve in the implementation of the mission (mission staff).
- In the event of a grouping, the grouping agreement; eliminatory.
- "Only candidates who are up to date with their regulatory fee are eligible to participate in the public procurement procedure. The non-fee discharge certificate issued by ARCOP is proof of this."

If a candidate fails to produce a non-fee receipt, the contract may only be awarded to them if ARCOP establishes that they are up to date, on the deadline for receipt of tenders, with the regulatory fee on all contracts awarded to them.

12. The opening of the bids will take place online on the virtual space (SIGOMAP) dedicated to this purpose no later than 04/04/2025 at 2:30 p.m., in the presence of the candidates at the following address: Diversification, Industrial Acceleration, Competitiveness and Jobs Program Management Unit (DAICE) located at II-Plateau-Saint-Jacques, Abidjan-Ivory Coast
13. The Tender Opening and Judging Committee (COJO) reserves the right to take any action it deems appropriate to this notice of expression of interest, including, in particular, to cancel the current process, or to finalize the list of candidates who have successfully responded; they will receive the request for proposal file. It is recalled that this notice only serves to establish a list of candidates and does not constitute a request for proposal in itself.

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

**RECRUITMENT FOR A LABORATORY
FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE
COMPLIANCE WITH 50 STANDARDS
PRODUCT SAMPLES INCLUDING
THE STANDARDS ARE RENDERED
MANDATORY APPLICATION**

November 2024

1. CONTEXT

The evolving international market has forced buyers and regulators to place greater trust in standards and control processes that ensure the conformity of acquired products. Furthermore, to maintain companies' competitiveness in the global market, it is crucial to strengthen the confidence of potential consumers in the reliability and safety of products.

This is why, since December 28, 2016, a decree has required the application of standards for a set of products divided into 15 main categories. Any import or local production must be subject to a conformity check, sanctioned by the granting of proof of conformity by Côte d'Ivoire Standardization (CODINORM), such as a certificate or attestation, before being placed on the market.

In this context, the Quality Promotion and Standardization Department has developed various information and awareness-raising initiatives for operators. After nearly nine years of dedicated efforts, the control and enforcement phase began in April 2022.

Thus, the inspections and controls carried out by the Directorate for the Promotion of Quality and Standardization, in collaboration with accredited agents from other services, have led to the application of sanctions against non-compliant sectors.

The legislation allows for the identification and analysis of samples of goods by a certified agent if they are considered to be harmful to the health and safety of consumers, even if compliance has been demonstrated by the industry.

However, the lack of resources to collect and analyze presumably non-compliant products hinders the effectiveness of this task. Nevertheless, this would facilitate an objective assessment of the quality of products manufactured in Côte d'Ivoire and imported products, which represent 17% and 20% of food and consumer goods respectively.

To support Côte d'Ivoire's industrial policy, particularly with regard to quality and standardization, the DGI plans to use part of the funding allocated by the AfDB Group to deploy the Diversification, Industrial Acceleration, Competitiveness and Employment Program (DAICE), with the aim of expanding product verifications. Consequently, the Directorate for the Promotion of Quality and Standardization (DPQN) will conduct a verification of compliance with standards for a total of fifty product samples using a laboratory

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1. General objective

The general objective is to carry out analyses of common products in order to strengthen the safety and well-being of populations.

2.2. Specific objectives

- Strengthen and improve the national system for assessing the conformity of products, including the standards are made mandatory;
- Estimate the actual level of quality of certain consumer products locally manufactured;
- Sanction industrial companies in violation in accordance with the provisions of the regulations in force;
- Strengthen the competitiveness of "Made in Côte d'Ivoire" products and clean up the Ivorian market products that do not comply with mandatory application standards;

- Protect the health of consumers;

3. EXPECTED RESULTS

- The national system for assessing the conformity of products whose standards are made mandatory application is strengthened and improved;
- The actual level of quality of locally manufactured consumer products is estimated ;
- Industrial companies in violation are sanctioned in accordance with the provisions of the regulations in force;
- The competitiveness of products “made in Côte d’Ivoire” is strengthened and the Ivorian market is sanitized products that do not comply with mandatory application standards;
- Consumer health is preserved.

4. SCOPE OF INTERVENTION AND TARGETS

The operation concerns industrial companies established on the national territory involved in the production of cement, reinforcing bars and beverages such as drinking water, juices, nectars and similar products. Furthermore, the estimated quantities of samples per product are as follows:

PRODUCT	QUANTITY OF SAMPLES	Sampling location
Cement	20	1 to 2 products from each company
The rebar	15	1 product from each company
Drinks (mineral and fruit waters)	15	1 to 2 products from each company
TOTAL SAMPLES	50	

5. SPEAKERS

- The Directorate for the Promotion of Quality and Standardization (DPQN) which will have the mission planning of field missions;
- Companies to be inspected;
- The recruited laboratories whose role will be the sampling and analysis of the products.

6. METHODOLOGY

The operation will include the following activities:

Step 0: Prospecting, establishing the list of target companies and planning

The objective of this stage is to conduct a preliminary search of the target companies using the existing database, exploring not only industrial areas, but also

supermarkets. This will make it possible to establish an inventory of items sold on the surface and then trace them back to the manufacturing companies. This step is crucial for carefully planning the interventions (the sectors to be examined and their location, the sworn agents, the deployment date).

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7. REPORT FORMAT

All reports, notes and minutes prepared by the laboratory must be written in French. They must be provided in paper and electronic formats (Word, Excel or PowerPoint).

Each report must be produced in six (6) copies, both in physical and digital versions (on USB key).

The documents must be submitted to **the Directorate for the Promotion of Quality and Standardization**.

8. LABORATORY PROFILE AND EXPERTISE

The service to be recruited must be a laboratory:

- accredited for the field of intervention and have a valid authorization to exercise activities in the field of the products cited in the "field of intervention and target" And
- with at least five (05) years of experience in the field of evaluation of product conformity.

All missions must be justified by certificates of proper execution (ABE) or certificates corresponding to the end of the services.

9. SPECIFIC SKILLS

The laboratory must have carried out at least one (1) product conformity assessment project or program over the last five (05) years (2020-2024 or 2019-2023).

10. PROFILE OF KEY STAFF

The consultant must provide a detailed CV of each proposed key personnel, written in French, accompanied by a certified copy of the required diploma and employment certificates. The CV must be written in French and signed jointly by the person concerned and the bidding organization.

11. DURATION OF THE MISSION AND CHRONOGRAM

The mission will take place over six (6) months and will be carried out according to the following schedule:

Activities	Month					
	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6
1. Prospecting, establishing the list of target companies and planning						
2. Collection of samples and transport to the laboratory						
3. Analyses, laboratory tests and transmission of results to the DPQN						
4. Preparation of the activity review report						