

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION



Call for Proposals for the Sustainable Procurement, Environment and Social Standards Centers of Excellence (SPESSCE) -NIGERIA-

A. INTRODUCTION

The SPESSCE project launches a Call for Proposals to partner with Eligible Federal Universities in Nigeria. Eligible higher education institutions (Federal Universities) from Nigeria are encouraged to submit proposals that address training, professionalization and research in Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards through a focused program of training, certification, undergraduate, graduate and post graduate tracks. Associated with this announcement is a detailed Terms of Reference describing this initiative and a Proposal Template.

B. OBJECTIVE AND EXPECTED RESULTS

The Project development objective is to enhance sustainable human capacity development for procurement, environmental and social standards in the public and private sectors in Nigeria through several tracks and methods in order to support governance, increase transparency, competition, equal opportunity, sustainability, and environmental and social standards and management. The detailed strategic objectives and specific objectives are detailed in the TOR.

C. SPESSCE Components

Proposals may be submitted to the SPESSCE project for establishing a Center of Excellence that manages the below 5 tracks in each of the targeted fields: procurement, environmental and social standards:

1. Track A: The offering of a number of stand-alone courses
2. Track B: The offering of undergraduate Diploma
3. Track C: The offering of post-graduate Diplomas
4. Track D: The offering of Master's degrees
5. Track E: The offering of Bachelor's degree

Approximately 6 centers are anticipated to be supported.

D. CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The call for proposals is available online (www.nuc.edu.ng). Federal Universities that intend to submit a proposal are encouraged to begin immediately reviewing the Call for Proposal Documents and start developing their proposals. Questions and clarifications concerning this call may be addressed to NUC on or before 13 June 2019 at the address mentioned below.

E. EVALUATION PROCESS

All proposals will be evaluated through an open, rigorous, transparent, competitive and merit-based process consistent with international standards for funding research centers. The evaluation process will consist of two sequential steps: Desk Evaluation of the written proposal; and On-site Visit to a short-list of proposed centers. The criteria that will be used to evaluate all proposals is available in the Call for Proposal documents.

F. TIMELINE

The deadline for proposal submission is on 28 June 2019. The evaluation process is anticipated to be completed in two months, with selection of the SPESSCEs made by the NUC around September 2019.

G. PARTNERSHIPS

The SPESSCE project seeks to establish strategic partnerships with leading international research funding organizations (RFOs), research performing organizations (RPOs), International Capacity Building organizations and top-performing academic institutions. Applicants are strongly encouraged to formulate such partnerships before submitting their proposals.

H. PRE-SUBMISSION STAKEHOLDERS' WORKSHOP

A Stakeholders' Workshop will be held on June 10, 2019, at the National Universities Commission. Interested Vice-Chancellors and Directors of concerned faculties and continuing

education centers of interested Nigerian Federal Universities are invited to participate. For enquiries, please contact the Secretariat of the NUC.

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