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GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Country: Republic of South Africa

Project: Accelerating Genomics-based Surveillance for COVID-19 Response in South Africa

Sector: Health Sector

Project ID No.: P177439

The Stellenbosch University has received a grant from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) for Accelerating Genomics-based Surveillance for COVID-19 Response in South Africa (P177439) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to eligible payments for goods and consulting services to be procured under this project. The project aims to improve genomic surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 capacities of South Africa and the African region.

The project will broadly support the procurement of specialized laboratory equipment open international approach to market.

The project has four components: (i) Expanding the NGS-SA capacity and training staff for genomic sequencing data generation.; (ii) Establishing an effective system to evaluate diagnostics and vaccine effectiveness against the variants in Africa; (iii) Strengthening the data systems to share and training public health officials and scientists for genomic sequencing data analysis in near-real time. (iv) Project management, monitoring and evaluation.

Procurement of contracts financed by the proceeds of the proposed IBRD loan will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016) (Procurement Regulations)*, revised in November 2020, and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the *Procurement Regulations*.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in [UN Development Business](#)

online, on the World Bank's external website, CERI website and national newspapers in the Republic of South Africa.

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above-mentioned projects, or those requiring additional information, should contact the grant recipient in writing at the addresses below:

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