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## REQUEST FOR TENDER – CAPABILITY STATEMENT

AusAID, the Australian Agency for International Development, manages the Australian Government's official overseas aid program. AusAID assists developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, in line with Australia's national interest. AusAID is seeking a Managing Contractor to manage the following development program in Africa:

### AUSTRALIA-AFRICA PARTNERSHIPS FACILITY (AAPF)

The Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility is a key initiative supporting the Australian Government's increased engagement across Africa. The Facility will be a flexible mechanism to respond to requests for assistance from African governments across the continent.

The Australia-Africa Partnerships Facility will provide targeted capacity building assistance across a range of areas but with an underlying focus on the following three major sectoral themes: extractive industries; public policy (especially trade policy and negotiation, economic governance and public sector reform); and agriculture. Other sectoral themes will be considered for support, including but not limited to: peace building and conflict prevention; private sector development; maternal and child health; and water and sanitation.

We are seeking a Managing Contractor to manage all aspects of the Facility. The Managing Contractor will be expected to establish a Head Office in Africa (Pretoria, Nairobi, or Accra), as well as an Australian office in an Australian capital city. The Managing Contractor will need to demonstrate a strategic understanding of the Facility and capacity-building in a developing country context, as well as the ability to manage and administer diverse, geographically-dispersed activities across Africa. Although the Managing Contractor will be responsible for sourcing technical expertise across a range of sectors, it will not be required to demonstrate technical expertise in-house. The Managing Contractor's role will focus on financial management, procurement and contract management, logistics and coordination. Flexibility and innovation in delivery will be highly regarded.

An Industry Briefing will be held in Canberra, Australia on Thursday, 10 December 2009 and in Pretoria, South Africa on Tuesday, 15 December 2009. Further information is provided in the tender documents on the AusTender website.

It is anticipated that the program will commence in July 2010 and will continue over four years. Approval for an additional two years will be considered in early 2010.


Selection will be on a two step basis. The closing date for submission of Capability Statements is 2:00pm (Canberra time) 2 February 2010.

Tender documents are available on the AusTender website:  
<https://www.tenders.gov.au/>

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