

# CALL TENDER FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF AN ORGANIC AND HACCP CERTIFICATION BODY

**Project:** LIFFT-Cashew

**Order:** SFL/09/2024/01

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**Submission deadline:** Tuesday, October 15, 2024

## I. PROJECT BACKGROUND

SFL is implementing the Linking Infrastructure, Finance, and Farms to Cashew (LIFFT-Cashew), an eight-year United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-funded Food for Progress Program (FFPr) in Senegal, The Gambia, and Guinea-Bissau. The LIFFT program initially planned from 2017 to 2023 was granted a merit-based extension with a revised end date of December 30, 2025. The program is addressing multiple aspects of the Cashew Value Chain by upgrading existing linkages and building new ones to create a more integrated and durable regional network to enhance cashew production, the processing and selling of quality cashew products. This project aims to strengthen the competitiveness of the cashew value chain by facilitating access to high value-added local and international markets.

The aim of this call is to recruit a qualified certification body to support cashew cooperatives and processors in the certification process according to organic (CE848/18 and NOP) and HACCP standards.

## II. PURPOSE OF THE INVITATION TO TENDER

The objective of this invitation to tender is to engage an accredited certification body to audit and certify cashew processors and cooperatives in accordance with organic (CE848/18 and NOP) and HACCP standards and issue the relevant certificates.

## III. DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK

The selected organization will be responsible for:

- Audit and certify cashew producers/cooperative to CE848/18 and NOP standards.
- Audit and certify processing facilities/companies and processes according to HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) principles.
- Provide recommendations to cooperatives and processors to comply with current standards.

The cooperatives involved (see below):

#	Senegal	The Gambia	Guinea-Bissau	Total
	4	3	1	8

The processors company involved (see below):

#	Senegal	The Gambia	Guinea-Bissau	Total
	1	1	1	3

#### IV. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Interested certification body must meet the following conditions:

- Has accreditation for Audit and provision of organic certification in accordance with CE848/18 (EU) and NOP (USA) standards.
- Accreditation from the certifying agencies for HACCP Audit and certification.
- Proof of certification for similar projects in Africa or other regions.

#### V. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Bidders must submit the following documents:

- Letter of submission signed by the head of the organization.
- Presentation of the organization, including accreditations, certifications and relevant experience.
- Details of methodologies and tools used for NOP and HACCP certification.
- Proposed schedule for carrying out audits.
- Financial offer including detailed costs per activity.
- 03 references for similar projects.
- Copy of the document (accreditation) as proof that authorizes the consultant/company to do certification in accordance with HACCP, CE848/18 (EU) and NOP (USA) standards.

#### VI. METHODS OF SUBMISSION

Bid offers must be placed in a sealed envelope bearing the bid reference number and addressed to/ :

- ❖ Senegal Office in Ziguinchor in **178, Nema Complementary**:
  - Logistic Officer, Mr Serigne Fallou DIONE +221 78 589 26 93/ +221 749 35 68.
- ❖ In Gambia, **Kotu East, KMC** at :
  - Oumie Jah Logistic Officer, (+220) 3603542.
- ❖ In Guinea Bissau **Rua Lamine INJAI, Chao de Papel Rua Lamine**
  - Logistic Officer, Mr Gilberto Jorge Cajucam +245 955 551 536.
  - The offer can also be sent by e-mail to the following addresses:
  - [info@shelter.org](mailto:info@shelter.org) with reference number on the subject line. **SFL/09/2024/01**

Dossiers must be received no later than Tuesday 15 October 2024, before 17:30 local time.

## VII. TENDER EVALUATION CRITERIA

Tenders will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Technical capacity and experience (40 points).
- Methodology and schedule (30 points).
- Financial cost (30 points).

## VIII. CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The contract will be awarded to the organization submitting the most technically advantageous and financially reasonable bid. Shelter For Life reserves the right to reject any non-compliant or insufficient bid.

## VIV. CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

For any questions related to this invitation to tender, please send your questions to:

- [info@shelter.org](mailto:info@shelter.org)

**Ziguinchor, September 23, 2024.**

For Shelter For Life (SFL)/ LIFFT-Cashew project

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