

<b>RFP</b>	<b>Legal Counselling</b>
Location	Ikeja, Lagos.
Overview	AFOS-NIG INGO seeks proposals from law firms to support the Foundation’s Nigeria office with legal counsel and corporate governance expertise.
Introduction	AFOS Foundation is an INGO affiliated with the Association of Catholic Entrepreneurs (BKU) in Germany as the implementing institution of the international development activities of BKU. The objective of the AFOS Agricultural Finance Program is to enhance the efficiency of Nigerian agricultural value chains and the food production and processing industry and improve the performance and outreach of the MFB-subsector by (a) developing new dual vocational training systems in the agricultural sector and (b) by conducting training and providing technical support for accelerated lending for agricultural purposes. This will result in differentiated products that better address the needs of rural MSEs, increased lending to MSEs, and higher levels of efficiency and efficiency gains passed on to clients.
Terms of Reference/ Job Objectives	<p>The tasks of the Law Firm, with the support of AFOS, will be to realize the following interventions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up on all issues related to AFOS-NIG-INGO’s legal status in Nigeria, such as registration at the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) and the handling of the renewed Cooperation Agreement with the Federal Government of Nigeria through the Ministry of Budget and National Planning, in cooperation with AFOS-NIG INGO’s CEO/ AGRAR II Project Manager, particularly regarding all legal aspects in this context.</li> <li>• Legal support to the functioning of the ATC initiative under the auspices of the Microfinance Learning and Development Centre (MLDC).</li> <li>• Provision of legal opinion on issues related to the legal status of AFOS-NIG-INGO.</li> <li>• Consulting with the AFOS-NIG INGO team as an expert on "Corporate Governance for the Nigerian agriculture industry" together with the partners and selected service providers.</li> <li>• Providing qualified assistance to all other legal issues that may arise in connection with the Foundation’s activities in Nigeria.</li> <li>• Legal representation.</li> </ul>
Responsibilities	<p>The selected law firm will work in close collaboration with:</p> <p>AFOS-NIG INGO CEO/Country Representative,</p> <p>Relevant AFOS Project Coordinator, &amp;</p> <p>Relevant key project stakeholders.</p>

<p>Proposal Requirement</p>	<p>The proposals must, at the least, include the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction - A brief introduction of the firm that captures up to date Curriculum Vitae (CVs) of all partners and managers that will form part of the legal team. The CVs should indicate, at a minimum, the level (supervisor, manager, and others) and experience.</li> <li>• The Total number of legal and staff that provide legal services in the following categories: partners, managers, and others.</li> <li>• A detailed description of the firm’s audit legal approach</li> <li>• Names of organizations the firm has worked with</li> <li>• Details of any possible conflict of interest as well as other information where independence and objectivity may be compromised or at risk. Indicate how the firm would manage this should it be appointed as the Legal Counsel.</li> <li>• Legal Fees</li> <li>• Location and reliable contact information company name, principal contact person, title, phone, and email address)</li> </ul>
<p>Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be legally registered and licensed to practice as a law firm in Nigeria.</li> <li>• Show proof of relevant technical and professional qualifications for all registered partners, managers, and key professionals.</li> <li>• Good interpersonal communication and negotiation skills.</li> <li>• Effective oral and written communication skills.</li> <li>• Be of good reputation and standing.</li> <li>• Ability to work in an international and multicultural environment.</li> <li>• Good attention to detail.</li> <li>• Previous experiences with local and International NGOs will be an added advantage.</li> </ul>
<p>Language</p>	<p>English</p>
<p>Deadline for Proposal Submission</p>	<p>November 30, 2022.</p>
<p>Contacts</p>	<p>This RFP is issued by AFOS-NIG INGO. Address Applications / Questions &amp; Inquiries to: <a href="mailto:adekoya@afos.ng">adekoya@afos.ng</a> cc: <a href="mailto:akoni@afos.ng">akoni@afos.ng</a> )</p>
<p>Note</p>	<p>Only shortlisted proposals will be contacted.</p>

