



**RFP No. ASLM/05/01/21**

**RFP for Selection of Consultant**

**Senior Microbiologist and QA Specialist for Malawi**

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## 1. Purpose of the role

### I. Background information

#### **ASLM background**

The African Society for Laboratory Medicine (ASLM) is a pan-African professional body working to advocate for the critical role and needs of laboratory medicine and networks throughout Africa. Africa is rapidly growing but faces major health challenges including epidemics of HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria, and new priorities such as Ebola and other global health security threats. Strengthened laboratory capacity and surveillance in Africa are critical to overcoming the burden of disease and ensuring a healthy future for the continent. ASLM addresses these challenges by working collaboratively with governments, local and international organizations, implementing partners, and the private sector.

### I. Purpose of the role

Assist with the finalization of the National QA Framework and moderate the National QA Framework validation meeting. Through a cooperative agreement with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the ASLM is supporting laboratory system strengthening for epidemic-prone diseases in Malawi as a component of the Global Health Security Agenda (GHSA) and the COVID-19 response. The ASLM **QA Consultant** will assist with review and finalization of the National QA Framework - Malawi.

### II. Requirements list

- Review and finalize the National QA Framework.
- Support distribution to COVID-19 testing laboratories
- Moderate the QA Framework validation meeting.
- Perform other related tasks as instructed by the GHSA-ASLM Technical coordinator
- Master's degree in medical biology, pharmacology, Public Health, medical laboratory or other related discipline from an accredited academic institution with at least 5 years of relevant professional work experience in the implementation of quality management system and QA programme.
- Certified LQMS trainer or Mentor for quality improvement processes.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

#### **Experience:**

5+ years of demonstrated experience in public health laboratory or national laboratory framework developer

- Knowledge and/or experience in the fields of virology and molecular biology is preferred
- Ability to facilitate or moderate big meetings
- Ability to work under pressure, stay on track and meet deadlines
- Highly self-motivated and enjoy working as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- Ability to effectively communicate orally and in writing with public health and healthcare professionals
- Proven ability to use clear, concise language in correspondence as well as including content fitting for the purpose and audiences when preparing written briefs and reports
- Adaptive, patient, resourceful, resilient and flexible
- Pro-active and excellent in problem solving and decision making
- Proficient in Microsoft Office program uses
- Candidate should have excellent oral and written communication skills in English.

### III. **Contractual terms and conditions**

- All documents and reports submitted by the firms shall be the property of ASLM.
- The firm shall not re-assign the work to any other firm/entity with ASLM knowledge.
- All costs related to assignments preparation and submission will be borne by the firm.
- The firm may be required to sign a confidentiality (Non-disclosure) agreement before the contract is awarded.
- ASLM reserves the right to (a) reject or accept any proposal from any party, (b) not respond to a request made by any party.
- The vendor will be responsible for all regulatory approvals in case of any legal implication arising out of the implementation of the solution;

### IV. **Contacts**

Send your completed application by email to: [YElimbi@aslm.org](mailto:YElimbi@aslm.org)

By: **May 7, 2021 (5:30 pm East African Time).**

### V. **Point of contact:**

Direct any written questions or request for information about this RFP to not later than 7 seven days after issuance of this RFP:

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