

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR DESIGN AND SUPERVISION WORK:  
REHABILITATION OF REGIONAL DIGITAL AND CREATIVE INCUBATION  
HUB/INNOVATION CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE IN UNIVERSITIES/POLYTECHNICS  
(NORTH WEST)**

**TECHNOLOGY AND CREATIVE SECTOR  
FINANCING AGREEMENT REFERENCE: 2000200005160  
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**Background**

The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) has received financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB), Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) towards the implementation of the Investment in Digital and Creative Enterprises (iDICE) Programme. The objective of the iDICE Programme is to promote entrepreneurship, boost innovation, create jobs, enhance social development, and achieve economic transformation by fostering growth in the digital technology and creative ecosystem, building on brownfield investments and synergies with ongoing initiatives in Nigeria.

The iDICE programme comprises three major components that respond to specific gaps and build on existing initiatives in Nigeria's technology and creative ecosystem. Under Component 3 of the Programme, creating an enabling environment for startups is key to the overarching objectives of the programme. The digitization and automation of the patent and trademark processes is key to improving the regulatory environment for startups by providing an efficient and streamlined process to register trademarks and protect their intellectual property through the patent process without prolonged bureaucratic bottlenecks.

Against the above background and as part of implementation arrangements, the iDICE Programme Coordination Unit (PCU) within the Bank of Industry (BOI) - the Executing Agency for the Programme appointed by the FGN - is seeking to engage the services of a Consultant Firm for the Design and Supervision of Rehabilitation Work: Regional Digital and Creative Incubation Hub/Innovation Centres of Excellence (CoE) in Universities/Polytechnics (North West).

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