

# Letter from IDC to all consultants and advisors

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As you will have read in the press and seen from other sources, the IDC is required to ensure that the funding of projects and the appointment of consultants and advisors are as successful as possible. The following quotes are taken from the Auditor General's Media release on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 2013.

*“ **PRETORIA** – The government needs to immediately implement stricter controls to get the best value for money for services provided by external consultants to the public sector, South Africa's Deputy Auditor-General, Kimi Makwetu, said today.”*

*“In 1996 and 2002 the AGSA conducted performance audits on the use of consultants by government. The main findings of those audits related to acquisition and appointment processes; the monitoring and control of consultants; the departments' responsibility to create an environment conducive for consultants to work effectively; and the implementation of deliverables.”*

To this end, the IDC has taken the initiative and has engaged with the Institute of Management Consultants and Master Coaches of South Africa (IMCSA) to raise the professional standard of consulting projects. This initiative will take the form of capacitation and mentoring of consultants, monitoring and evaluation of projects and potential removal of dysfunctional consultants from its panels. This approach is not to be seen as a “big stick” approach but rather an initiative to empower consultants to meet global standards of excellence.

The programme will be phased in over a period of 3 years and consultants who meet the international certification criteria will be given a preferential rating over those who do not.

We encourage you to contact the IMCSA at 011 789 9996 or at [info@imcsa.org.za](mailto:info@imcsa.org.za) or to contact Lucky Dladla at the IDC directly for further information.

**Regards**



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