

Request for Expression of Interest
African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
Independent Development Evaluation (IDEV)

Immeuble du Centre de commerce International d'Abidjan, CCIA
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1. The African Development Bank Group (AfDB or the Bank) hereby invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in the following assignment: **Evaluation of the Bank's Assistance in the Energy Sector – Country Case Studies**, henceforth “the assignment”.

BACKGROUND

2. The energy sector is a core priority of the AfDB. The Bank is to undertake an independent evaluation of its assistance in the energy sector in order to inform its future strategic and operational directions. The evaluation will identify emerging trends in the energy sector, and assess how the Bank has responded to these trends and the results of the Bank's assistance in order to draw pertinent lessons.

PURPOSE

3. This Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) is to recruit a consulting firm for conducting country case studies, which is one of the subcomponents of the evaluation. The objectives of the country case studies are to provide an in-depth assessment of the Bank's overall assistance to Regional Member Countries (RMCs) in the energy sector and answer the evaluation questions, by looking at the achievement of intermediate outcomes, policy coherence with goals and objectives of the Bank's related policies, and comprehensiveness of the Bank's approach to address the issues of the energy sector in RMCs.
4. The Assignment will include in-depth field case studies in several RMCs ranging from fragile states to middle-income countries in Africa. The criteria for the selection of the case study projects/countries will be determined at a later stage.
5. The services to be provided under the Assignment will include the following:
 - **Task 1:** Investigate how the Bank's activities are implemented in line with the countries' priorities and the Bank's policy framework.
 - **Task 2:** Assess the appropriateness of the project design at approval (quality at entry check) for a sample of projects.
 - **Task 3:** Undertake a review of project results and/or performance for completed projects in each country, particularly focusing on intermediate outcomes.
 - **Task 4:** Assess to what extent has the Bank's assistance in energy contributed to sustainable results and identify the factors that facilitated/constrained the performance of the project.
 - The consultant shall prepare and submit case study reports for each country (or project/programme) and one synthesis report.

APPLICATION PROCESS

6. The detailed Terms of Reference and other relevant information will be provided to the shortlisted candidates.
7. The lead consultant should have a background of energy-related sectors (power production/ distribution, oil & gas, renewable energy, rural electrification, climate change, etc.) with at least 15 years of relevant experience in international development and demonstrated experience in handling such assignment. In addition, the consultants should have demonstrated familiarities with evaluation methodologies, in-depth knowledge of the energy sector in Africa and experience in similar tasks.
8. Interested firms¹ should send both i) the firm's relevant experiences in the last five years which best illustrate qualifications and ii) Curriculum Vitae of candidate staff (indicating who will be assigned as a team leader) for the assignment.
9. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a short list and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank's Rules and Procedure for the Use of Consultants. Please, note that interest expressed by a consulting firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it in the shortlist.
10. The estimated **duration of services is 4 (four) months** and the **estimated starting date is 5 June 2015**.
11. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during the Bank's working hours (09:00 to 18:00).
12. **Expressions of interest must be received at the address below no later than 8 May 2015** at 17:00 local (Abidjan) time and specifically mentioning the name of the assignment in the title. Expressions of interest should be written in English.

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¹ Registration by interested consulting firms on Bank's Consultancy Services Database (DACON, <http://www.afdb.org/en/projects-and-operations/procurement/consultancy-services-dacon/>) is recommended and appreciated.