

PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENT

FOR

**PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY
SERVICES**

**EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE AND
ANSWERS TO QUERIES**

For

**A STUDY ON PROGRAMME FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN
AFRICA (PIDA)**

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

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A. Key Amendments to and information note on SPN and Prequalification Document

1. Closing Date: Closing Date for submission of Applications for Prequalification Document is extended to **Monday 15th December, 2008**. The venue, time and mode of delivery of document remain unchanged.

2. Evaluation of the Request for Proposals: The selection of the consortia/joint venture for the services will be through evaluation of the Request for Proposals and **shall be based only on technical criteria**.

3. Indicative Budget: The indicative Budget for the Study is **Euros 3,300,000** for the four infrastructure sector studies and includes facilitation of the workshops. It excludes the cost of the workshops, technical committee and steering committee meetings of which a re-imbursable budget of Euro 1,285,000 is provided.

B. Other Queries and Information note

| | DATE | QUERY | RESPONSE | Source |
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| 1. | 27/11/08 | As the project covers 4 sectors, we would like to clarify with you the following: 1. Is this one pre-qualification that covers 4 sectors, or there are 4 pre-qualifications, one for each sector 2. If it is one pre-qualification that covers 4 sectors, our understanding is that the applicant is obliged to provide services for all 4 sectors either through its own expertises, or by forming JV / Consortium with other firms, is our understanding correct? 3. If there are 4 different pre-qualifications, does the bank encourage that one firm submits more than one EOIs | 1. It is one prequalification that covers 4 sectors. This is a multi-sector study. 2. The applicant is obliged to provide services for all the 4 sectors by forming a consortium/joint venture with other sector specialized consulting firms in order to deliver the output for each sector with the specialized backing of the respective firms of the joint venture. Note that it is not just an issue of fielding individual experts but must have the backing of the sector specialized firms. 3. There are not 4 different pre-qualifications. | Anc-Lavalin |
| 2. | 25/11/08 | As discussed, request you to kindly forward the detailed procurement notice for the "Study on Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa" to us, we have not been able to trace it on the AfDB website. Our last email to Mr Salawou is also attached below. | The Study is on a programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa and will cover all countries in Africa. It will however focus on Trans national or cross boundary infrastructure networks using the Regional Economic <i>Communities (REC's) as building blocks</i> for this programme. | Crisil |
| 3. | 24/11/08 | This has reference to your Notice requesting Expression of Interest for the "Study on Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa". CRISIL Infrastructure Advisory would like to submit its EOI for the same. With regards the same, we would like to know the geographical spread for the assignment, namely the countries or sub-regions in Africa that the study would cover. Also, we have not been able to download the detailed scope of the Consultancy services under the Study and the forms to be completed which are given in the pre-qualification document for PIDA Study (as mentioned in the Specific Procurement Notice). Request you to kindly forward the same to us as well. | The request is for Consortium/Joint Venture of sector specialized firms as indicated in the prequalification document from both Regional and Non-regional members of the Bank. | Crisil |
| 4. | 25/11/08 | Need a soft copy of the above advert. | Copy Issued | Mundias |
| 5. | 25/11/08 | Please send us the relevant application materials (we did not find them on your website as directed in the announcement). | Copy issued. The document is on the same site. You must scroll to the date of 30th October, 2008 on which it first appeared | Millennium-institute |
| 6. | 21/11/08 | May we request your esteemed Authority to kindly inform as to which countries of Africa will be covered under this study, so that we could consider associating domestic consulting firms of some of those countries with us. | The Study is on a programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa and will cover all countries in Africa. It will however focus on Trans national or cross boundary infrastructure networks using the Regional Economic <i>Communities (REC's) as building blocks</i> for this programme. The request is for Consortium/Joint Venture of | ICT Pvt. Ltd |

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| | | | sector specialized firms as indicated in the prequalification document from both Regional and Non-regional members of the Bank. | |
| 7. | 17/11/08 | Are Consultants to submit Eol separately for each of the four areas of study? Can a Consultant or a joint venture just submit Eol for one of the areas of study? We can only apply for one or two sectors only. | No. The consultant will not submit the Eol separately for each of the four areas of study. The Study invites Consortia/Joint Ventures of sector specialized firms to be able to deliver the output in all the four sectors. If the firm has capability in two sectors only, then it should enter into joint ventureship with other firms with capability in the other sectors. The Consortium formed can sub-contract the areas where the expertise is still lacking with the proviso that the level of effort of the sub-consulting firm will not cost more than 25% of the total cost of the consultancy services.. Finally, consultants are supposed to submit only one Eol covering all the four sectors. | Pheman Peniel |
| 8. | 11/11/08 | In preparing our response, I have been asked to investigate whether our participation in the Study would present us with any risk of being excluded from possible downstream works arising from the Study in any of the sectors covered. | There is no risk. The consultant at a study stage can even proceed to supervise the projects they design and it is indeed desired. The risk occurs when the same consulting firm is involved in the construction for example of the works associated with the study which will then be the risk. This is not permissible by Bank rules since the consultant would then have an unfair advantage. | MottMac |
| 9. | 11/11/08 | As discussed, in order for us to put the best team members as part of the pre-qualification process, it would enormously help if could very kindly provide us with an indicative budget for this Consultancy. | The indicative Budget for the Study is Euros 3,300,000 for the <i>overall</i> four infrastructure sector studies (<i>i.e. transport, energy, ICT and water</i>).and includes facilitation of the workshops. It excludes the cost of the workshops, technical committee and steering committee meetings of which a re-imbursable budget of Euro 1,285,000 is provided. (To send separate reply after placing on web) | KPMG |
| 10. | 11/11/08 | We would to kindly ask you whether you could provide us with more information on the envisaged budget for carrying out the study, and if this sum will be for the overall project or per area of expertise (i.e. transport, energy, ICT and water). | The indicative Budget for the Study is Euros 3,300,000 for the <i>overall</i> four infrastructure sector studies (<i>i.e. transport, energy, ICT and water</i>).and includes facilitation of the workshops. It excludes the cost of the workshops, technical committee and steering committee meetings of which a re-imbursable budget of Euro 1,285,000 is provided. (To send separate reply after placing on web) | mercados |
| 11. | 11/11/08 | Please could you send me that above documents? | Copy issued. As indicated in the SPN, the Prequalification document can also be accessed from the AfdB Website at www.afdb.org under the "opportunities" section. | Knight piesold |