



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

**DETAILED PRE-INVESTMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY ON MARITIME
COMMUNICATIONS FOR SAFETY ON LAKE VICTORIA**

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

1. The Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) has received a Grant from the African development Bank and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Grant to eligible payments under the Contract for the Detailed Pre-investment Feasibility Study that would be used for defining the inter-relation between the commercial and safety components (non-commercial) of the Maritime Communications for Safety on Lake Victoria and propose a Private Public Partnership (PPP) implementation approach.

2. Consultancy Services for Firms will include:

- a. reviewing and updating information on the commercial plans for mobile operators for deploying communications network on the lake and assess to what extent the safety related components of the project are incorporated in the planned networks.
- b. creating a plan for the establishment of a Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC).
- c. assessment of the status of existing Search and Rescue (SAR) Institutions in EAC Partner States with special focus to those within the Lake Victoria; and
- d. Defining the inter-relation between the commercial and safety components (non commercial) of the Maritime Communications for Safety on Lake Victoria and interoperability with the other two components (MRRC and Safety and Rescue Institutions) including an environmental and social impact assessment relating to the implementation of the project.

3. LVBC also requires the services of two (2) Individual Consultants as follows:

3.1 A **Project Coordinator/Telecom or ICT Engineer** for a maximum duration of eight (8) months to strengthen the Lake Victoria Basin Commission by managing the day to day activities of the Project including the preparation of regular project progress reports and financial statements. The Project Coordinator shall also assist LVBC with the procurement process, in preparing bidding documents, bid evaluation reports and contract negotiations. He will also prepare a stakeholders workshop.

3.2 A **Maritime Expert** to assist the Project Coordinator on matters pertaining to search and rescue facilities in the three participating member countries and maritime rescue coordination centre on a part time basis for the period not exceeding six (6) weeks. The Maritime expert will assist Lake Victoria Basin Commission in reviewing the components of the Consulting Firm's report (inception, draft and

final report) to ensure that all critical elements regarding search and rescue are incorporated in accordance with the EAC Partner States aspirations.

4. Subsequent to the above, LVBC now invites Individuals and Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested parties must provide a statement of capability and experience indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochure, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc). This advertisement is open to Consultants from eligible AfDB source countries.

5. Short lists of six (6) firms and three (3) individuals will be compiled in accordance with the procedures set out in the African Development Bank's Rules of Procedure for the Use of Consultants.

5.1 Individual experts who apply for the post of:

- a. Project Coordinator/Telecom /Telecom Engineer are expected to have a degree in Telecom/ICT or Computer science/network/engineering, with at least 10 years experience including 5 years in the implementation of mobile/wireless telecommunications infrastructure, communications regulatory matters; project management and international procurement experience including knowledge in AfDB or external donor procurement procedures.
- b. Maritime Expert are expected to have a degree in Maritime Safety Administration/ Maritime Education & Training /Marine Nautical Science/ or related field. They should have at least 8 years experience including 5 years experience in maritime safety / search and rescue/ maritime administration; and should be familiar with International Conventions for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), SAR and IMO standards. Holders of Master /Chief-mate (STCW 95 Reg II/2) and sea going experience will have added advantage.

5.2 Short listed individuals will be contacted for interview.

6. Written Expression of Interest for firms must be marked "Expressions of Interest, consultancy Services: Maritime Communications for Safety on Lake Victoria Project". While written Expression for the Project Coordinator and Maritime Expert must be marked "Project Coordinator" or "Maritime Expert" respectively. All expression of Interests should be delivered to the address below by 14.00hrs Kenya time on or before 8²⁶th December 2008.

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