Economic Community of West African States Commission

Transport Facilitation Programme for the Enugu-Bamenda Corridor

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission has received a grant from the African Development Fund towards the cost of the Transport Facilitation Programme for the Enugu-Bamenda Corridor and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for Nigeria-Cameroon Multinational Highway and Transport Facilitation Project for the Bamenda-Enugu Corridor.

The services include:

i) study on rationalisation and harmonisation of axle load limits, standards, norms. It includes components related to the legal framework, definitions relating to the dimensions, weight and load of heavy-duty goods transport vehicles, charges/fines/fees, vehicle technology development, and calibration of weighbridge equipment. Study outputs will include legal instruments (acts/regulations and a bilateral agreement) to harmonize vehicle overload limits between Nigeria and Cameroon, taking into account vehicle overload limits in the respective regional economic communities; a road map elaborating an incremental implementation plan statutory instruments.

ii) study on legal status of joint border post (JBP). The study will develop a legal framework for operation of a JBP to be constructed between Nigeria and Cameroon at Mfum. Study outputs will include legal instruments (acts/regulations, a bilateral agreement and operations manual) for operation of the JBP and a road map elaborating an incremental plan for the legal instruments.

The Department of Transportation and Telecommunications of the ECOWAS Commission now invites consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested firms must provide a statement of capability and experience indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff,). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification. This advertisement is open to eligible consultants from all countries.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank’s “Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants” May 2008 edition, which is available on the Bank’s website at http://www.afdb.org. Borrowers are under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

Expression of Interest must be submitted in six (6) hard copies and one (1) soft copy both in English in sealed envelope clearly marked “Expressions of Interest for Consultancy for Studies on Harmonisation and Legal Status of Joint Border Post along Bamenda-Enugu Corridor”.

Interested firms may obtain further information at the address shown below from 9.00am -5.00pm, Nigerian Time, (-1hour GMT) Mondays through Fridays (except public holidays).
Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below by 5:00pm Nigerian Time, 07th November, 2011

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