

MULTINATIONAL: BENIN, COTE D'IVOIRE, GHANA, NIGERIA AND TOGO AND THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)



STUDY ON THE ABIDJAN – LAGOS CORRIDOR HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTANT FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ECOWAS COMMISSION

1. The ECOWAS Commission has received Grants from the African Development Fund (ADF) and the European Development Fund (through the African Investment Facility – AfIF) to cover the cost of studies on the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Highway Development Project, and intends to use part of Grant amount to finance the service contracts of consultants responsible for **providing multidisciplinary technical assistance in order to enhance the capacity of ECOWAS and the Participating Member Countries (PMCs) for the effective management of all the Study component.**
2. The services under this contract mainly consist of: (i) providing technical support to ECOWAS and the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) in the implementation of the various components of the Study; (ii) supporting the compilation of standards used in the Participating Member Countries and validating those to be applied for the study; (iii) supporting and coordinating the preparation and delivery of the detailed technical studies; (iv) consolidating the results of traffic studies and identifying the best alignment; (v) providing multidisciplinary project management consulting services including for Procurement and financial resources mobilization; (vi) organizing multilateral coordination activities, including Study Delivery Team and Steering Committee meetings as well as the validation of various reports; And (vii) organizing and providing training and capacity building activities.
3. A Feasibility, Environmental Assessment, Socio-Economic and Detailed Engineering Studies for the Corridor will be conducted under a separate Contract per the following lots to cover the entire corridor: (i) Lot 1: Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire)-Takoradi (Ghana), 295.3 km; (ii) Lot 2: Takoradi (Ghana) – Accra (Ghana) –Akanu (Ghana), 389 km; and (iii) Lot 3: Akanu (Ghana)-Noepe (Togo)- Lome (Togo)-Agonmey Glozoun (Togo)-Athieme (Benin) - Cotonou (Benin)-Seme-Krake (Benin/Nigeria)-Lagos (Nigeria), 300.12 km. All distances provided are indicative and could be more depending on the eventual confirmation of alignments by Member States.
4. The overall duration of the technical studies is estimated at twenty-seven (27) months for each lot and the Technical Assistance shall cover all the three (3) above-mentioned lots for at least a period between twenty-four (24) months and thirty-six (36) months, with short-term staff experts to be assigned for specific activities as and when required. The assignment for the Technical Assistance is expected to start in May 2019.
5. The ECOWAS Commission invites Consultants (firms specializing in transport infrastructure engineering studies, technical assistance to the project owner for large-scale infrastructure projects) to apply in order to provide the services described above. Interested, eligible and qualified consultants shall provide information on their ability and experience, showing their qualification for services of similar magnitude. The short-listing criteria are: A) general experience in Technical Assistance (TA) Services in the field of cross-border or multinational Highway Studies Works (Studies, TA to the Project Owner, Works Contractor, Supervision) during the last ten (10) years; (B) specific experience in the field of technical studies for the construction of highways or roads with a highway character, with crossing structures or grade separated junctions (interchanges) carried out during the last ten (10) years; (C) Specific experience in the field of Technical Assistance or Assistance to the Project Owner in the management of road transport infrastructure projects during the last ten (10) years; (D) Experience in the management of road works

(rehabilitation, construction or development) with support to procurement and resource mobilization on donor-funded projects in sub-Saharan Africa; (E) Experience in the training of senior managers in the last five (5) years; (F) availability of key personnel (list, qualification and experience); (G) logistical and material means; (H) computer facilities and specialized software; (I) ability to produce reports and any necessary documentation on the study in English and French; etc.

NOTE:

- i) **Each reference will be summarized on a project sheet and will be considered only if the candidate attaches supporting documents indicating the contact information of the contracting authorities so as to facilitate verification of the information provided: Excerpts of contract (inner cover page and page with the signatures) or Attestation of good performance.**
- ii) **No Firm which has been recommended for award of Contract of the three (3) lots of the Feasibility and Detailed Engineering studies cited in section 3 above will be eligible for this technical assistance consultancy or any other component on the Abidjan-Lagos highway corridor study.**

Consultants may form groups to increase their chances of qualification.

6. The eligibility criteria, the preparation of shortlist, and the selection procedure shall comply with the African Development Bank's Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" (May 2008 edition – revised in July 2012), available on the Bank's website: <http://www.afdb.org>. The selection procedure will be based on Quality and Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS), and a shortlist of six (6) firms which present the best profiles shall be drawn up after the expression of interest. Also the firms that are part of an international network are to submit one expression of interest.

7. Interested consultants can obtain further information at the e-mail addresses mentioned below during working hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (local time) on working days: procurement@ecowas.int with copy to pgueye@ecowas.int ; vtulay@ecowasint.onmicrosoft.com ; cappiah@ecowas.int ; sbangoura@ecowas.int

8. Expressions of interest must be submitted not later than **Thursday, 28th February 2019 at 4:00 p.m. (GMT+1), Nigerian Time**, and must be clearly marked: **"Studies on the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Highway Development Project/Expression of Interest in consulting services for the provision of technical assistance to ECOWAS and the Project Implementation Unit"** and addressed to the following:

Office of the **Commissioner,**
General Administration & Conference,
Fifth (5th) Floor of the ECOWAS Commission Headquarters,
Plot 101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent,
Asokoro District, Abuja,
NIGERIA.

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- i) Electronically to the email addresses below:

- vtulay@ecowas.int and pgueye@ecowas.int
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- ii) Delivered in a written form (one (1) signed original plus three (3) copies in (person, or by registered mail) to the physical address in paragraph 8 above.

9. The working languages shall be English and French. The Expression of Interest will be submitted in English.