

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

The Gambia

Green Mini-Grid Country Support Programme

1. The Republic of The Gambia has received a Grant from the Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA) to support the implementation of the Green Mini-Grid (GMG) Country Support Programme. The Gambian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy intends to apply the proceeds of this Grant for payments of consultancy services to be procured under this project
2. The principal objective of this grant is to improve the enabling environment in The Gambia to facilitate future investment in Green Mini-Grids.
3. The Consultancy Service required under this funding will include:
 - A. GMG Enabling Framework and Capacity-Building:** The results of this component are expected to be approved and operationalized policy, strategy and regulatory documents outlining i) institutional arrangements for the planning, management, and regulation of mini-grids; ii) stimulation/incentive measures for the support of GMG development by private operators that ensure affordability for end users; iii) definition and treatment of mini-grids of different categories, e.g. by total generation capacity; iv) concession, authorization and permitting arrangements and clear definition of processes and institutional roles; v) technical norms/standards and quality of service requirements; vi) permitted tariff models and tariff calculations methodologies; vii) the case of grid-connected GMGs, or encroachment of the interconnected grid into GMG concession areas, and, if appropriate, standard PPAs for hybridizing mini-grids run by NAWEC, interconnection rules and standards; viii) any other relevant requirements that may arise during the consultation processes.
 - B. GMG Project Development and Financing:** In order to facilitate the promotion and deployment of GMGs in Gambia, the programme will undertake key project preparation work geared towards attracting investments in GMG space in the Gambia. The sites will be identified by the consultant during the inception phase (in close consultation with GoG) and will be mapped in accordance with their economic potential, socio-economic profile as well as potential for captive use of generated power. This will comprise carrying out technical feasibility studies for the development of the GMGs as well as the implementation of the Roll-out plan to attract potential developers to identified GMG opportunities.
4. Acquisition of the consultancy services will be in accordance with the AfDB's New Procurement Policy Framework for Bank Group Funded Operations, approved October 2015. The Quality and Cost Based Selection will be the procurement method used. Solicitation documents are expected to be available in April, 2017.
5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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