GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Name of Borrower’s Country: Sierra Leone

Name of Project: FREETOWN WASH & AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT REVAMPING PROJECT

1. The Republic of Sierra Leone has received a grant and loan from the African Development Fund to finance the Freetown WASH & Aquatic Environment Revamping Project. In addition, the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone has applied for co-financing the same project from Islamic Development Bank, OPEC Fund for International Development, Kuwait Fund, Saudi Fund, ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development, and Netherlands Enterprise Agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Government also intends to apply for additional project financing from the Green Climate Fund and Adaptation Fund. The total cost of the project is estimated at approximately USD180 million. The Project will be executed by Guma Valley Water Company. The Freetown City Council and National Protected Areas Authority will be key implementing partners.

2. The principal objectives of this project are to: Improve the water supply and sanitation services while ensuring the sustainability of the vital aquatic ecosystem in the Western Area/Freetown. The Specific objectives of the project are: (a) To rehabilitate and expand water treatment, transmission, storage and distribution systems; (b) to improve solid and liquid waste collection, treatment and disposal services; (c) to provide infrastructure and enhance capacity for the effective protection of the Western Area Protected Forest/Watershed; and (d) to promote good sanitation, hygiene and child nutrition practices of the primary beneficiaries while facilitating their gainful participation in the improvement of WASH services. The project will complement MCC and DFID supported institutional capacity and water supply infrastructure rehabilitation initiatives.

3. The Project includes the following components

Component 1 - Water Supply Infrastructure Improvement – Immediate Investments

- Rehabilitation of five (5) malfunctioning raw water intakes and 12 km. of raw water transmission mains
Rehabilitation and expansion of two (2) existing water treatment plants.
Rehabilitation of two Booster pumping stations and improving stand-by power supply capacity.
Rehabilitation of 100km of old water distribution mains and expansion of distribution network by 250km
Rehabilitation of eight (8) existing service reservoirs
Rehabilitation and construction of 120 Public Stand Posts
Establishment of 38,000 metered water service connections
Supervision and quality assurance services for immediate infrastructure improvements

Component 2 – Integrated Infrastructure Improvement– Post MTR Investments:

- Establishment of water-shed data collection, protection, and surveillance infrastructure
- Development of ten (10) raw water intakes and 18 km. of raw water transmission mains
- Construction of nine (9) water treatment plants
- Construction of seven (7) new service reservoirs
- Construction of 100 km of new water distribution pipe network
- Flood mapping of Western Area
- Western Area Peninsular Protected Forest/Water-shed Regeneration – tree planting
- Construction of stand-by water sources to maintain services during rehabilitation works
- 38,000 metered water service connections
- Establishment of 140 solid and liquid waste transfer stations, including mobile transfer stations.
- Lining of 143,600 Sq.m. of drainage channels
- Construction of two (2) solid waste Material Recovery Facilities
- Establishment of pilot solid and liquid waste treatment plants including selection of private sector operators.
- Supervision and quality assurance services for integrated infrastructure improvements

Component 3 - Capacity for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Livelihood Improvement:

- Training of managerial and technical staff
- Support for 40 internships in water supply and sanitation related disciplines.
- Promoting youth (including women) employment through nurturing of micro-enterprises for providing urban water supply and municipal waste services, as well as engaging in environmentally sustainable water-shed resources management/ MSE training & equipment for small operators
- Establishment of Surface and Groundwater observation stations
- Development of tools for community-based water resources, waste-water and solid waste
management.
- WASH behavioral change and child nutrition campaigns
- Community-based water resources management, including solid and liquid waste management capacity improvement training.
- Supervision and quality assurance services for IWRM and livelihood improvement activities

4. **Project Management:** *Technical assistance and logistical equipment will also be provided to facilitate project implementation, thus;*

- Overall project coordination and administration;
- Technical Oversight and quality assurance;
- Supervision of service providers, Monitoring & Evaluation and Reporting, including Environmental and Social Management Plan and Resettlement Action Plan implementation
- Office supplies and logistical support for all implementing agencies.

5. Procurement of goods, works and the acquisition of consultancy services for the project, excepting those that will be financed by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, will be carried out in accordance with the “Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations” (BPM), dated October 2015 and following the provisions stated in the Financing Agreements. Procurement of Works and Services financed by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency will be carried out in accordance with the Agency’s DRIVE program procedures.

Bidding documents for the project goods, works and services are expected to be available beginning March 2019.

6. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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