REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(CONSULTING SERVICES)  
West African Power Pool  

330 kV WAPP Nigeria – Benin Interconnection Reinforcement Project  

The West African Power Pool (hereinafter referred to as “the Borrower”) has applied for funding from the New Partnership for Africa Development- Infrastructure Project Preparatory Facility (NEPAD-IPPF) of the African Development Bank (AfDB), towards the cost of the 330 kV WAPP Nigeria – Benin Interconnection Reinforcement Project. This International Call for Expressions of Interest relates to the contract for Consultancy Services for an Update of Feasibility Study and Preparation of Bidding Documents for the 330 kV WAPP Nigeria – Benin Interconnection Reinforcement Project.  

This contract shall include:  

- Feasibility Study:  
  - Determination of technical feasibility of the project  
  - Economic and financial evaluation of the project including Sensitivity Analyses  
  - Preliminary Engineering design at feasibility level and preparation of functional specifications  
  - Close collaboration with Consultant executing Line Route and Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Study.  
  - Proposal of an appropriate institutional framework and organization to be put in place that shall among others, minimize the risks of the project not being implemented within the best conditions of cost and time, and facilitate the coordinated operation of the interconnection when commissioned  
  - Preliminary engineering and specifications for medium and low voltage systems, for conducting rural electrification of communities/villages/towns both around the indicated substations and along the line routing using shield-wire technology and/or other appropriate technology  

- Preparation of Bidding Documents:  
  - Preparation of Functional Bidding Documents  
  - Proposal of Project Packaging suitable for Design and Build Procurement  

- Commercial Framework  
  - Tariff Proposals  
  - Update and/or Preparation of Commercial Agreements  
  - Assistance during Contract Negotiations  

- Optional Services:  
  - Assistance during Bidding  
  - Assistance during Bid Evaluation and Contract Negotiation  
  - Award of Contract
Training

- Training by transfer of technological know-how through training of counterpart staff in project preparation

This contract is expected to be implemented from October 2013 to September 2014.

All firms are invited to respond to the Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) by making submissions in hard and soft copies.

Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc).

Interested Consultants should note that a separate Call for EOI for carrying out a Line Route Study and an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Study has also been published. Consultants can respond to either Calls for EOI and not both.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the African Development Bank’s “Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants” May 2008 edition, Revised July 2012, which is available on the Bank’s website at http://www.afdb.org and subject to approval of funding from AfDB.

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain further information from:

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All Expressions of Interest must be delivered in closed envelopes bearing the mention

“Expression of Interest for the Feasibility Study and Preparation of Bidding Documents for the 330 kV WAPP Nigeria – Benin Interconnection Reinforcement Project”

not later than 12 noon local time Benin, June 20th, 2013 at the following address:
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