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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – CONSULTANCY FIRM SELECTION)

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)

NAME OF PROJECT: DESERT-TO-POWER INITIATIVE EAST AFRICA REGIONAL ENERGY PROJECT (DTPI-EAREP)
PROJECT ID NO.: P-Z1-F00-0129
GRANT NO.: 2100155041474

Consultancy Services: Preparation of Technical and Financial Feasibility Studies for Grid Connected Solar Photo Voltaic Parks with Utility Scale Battery Storage in Djibouti and Ethiopia, and Regional Solar Resources Mapping in IGAD Member States

1. This Request for Expression of Interest follows General Procurement Notice (GPN) published on UNDB, AfDB and IGAD websites dated 7th September 2022.

2. The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) has received financing from the African Development Fund towards the cost of the **Desert-to-Power Initiative East Africa Regional Energy Project (DTPI-EAREP).**

3. The project has four main components, namely:
   (i) Component I: Harmonization of the Regional Regulatory and Policy Framework, which aims to propose a portfolio of policy measures, laws, regulations, and incentives to be implemented at national and – when applicable – regional levels in the East Africa Sahel region.
   (ii) Component II: Technical Studies for Development of Regional Solar Parks, which aims to support the implementation of regional solar parks to respond to electricity demand in the region.
   (iii) Component III: Capacity Building, which aims to enhance IGAD skills in energy planning; technical, legal, financial, and environmental aspects of RE technologies.
   (iv) Component IV: Project Management, comprising quality control and supervision of the project.

4. IGAD intends to apply part of the agreed amount of this grant to payments under the contract for consultancy assignment on **Preparation of Technical and Financial Feasibility Studies for Grid Connected Solar Photo Voltaic Parks with Utility Scale Battery Storage in Djibouti and Ethiopia, and Regional Solar Resources Mapping in IGAD Member States**.

5. The overall objective of this consultancy is to produce two bankable technical and financial feasibility studies for two grid-connected solar photovoltaic (PV) parks with utility-scale

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), one in each of the two target countries (Djibouti and Ethiopia), and undertake Regional Solar Resources Mapping in IGAD Member States.

6. The contracted consulting firm will be expected to undertake the following:
   (i) Data Collection, Site Selection and Screening
   (ii) Technical Studies
   (iii) Legal and Regulatory Assessment
   (iv) Economic and Financial Analysis
   (v) Power Market and EAPP Integration
   (vi) Procurement, Contracting and Transaction Structuring
   (vii) Environmental, Social and Gender Interface
   (viii) Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening
   (ix) Regional Solar Resource Mapping and Opportunity Screening in Seven Target IGAD Member States
   (x) Reports Preparation

7. The services and requirements for this Consultancy are stipulated in the Terms of Reference (ToR) that may be obtained from IGA Website: https://igad.int/consultancies/

8. The activities and deliverables under this assignment are envisaged to be prepared and finalized within fifteen (15) months from contract's signature date.

9. The consultancy firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Selection (QCBS) method.

10. The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) now invites eligible consultancy firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information such as brochures indicating that they are qualified to perform the services by providing the following:
    (i) Company profile, including valid company registration certificate, core business of the firm, years in business and structure of the organization to demonstrate nature and size of the firm. Similar information shall be provided for a JV Partner(s) for firms that intend to form joint ventures.
    (ii) Experience in undertaking activities similar to the consultancy,
    (iii) Experience working in the Sahel region or similar geographical areas,
    (iv) Experience in dealing with similar multinational authorities such as IGAD,
    (v) The degree of in-house quality control (for example, if the firm adheres to requirements of the International Standards Organization (ISO) or has an ethics code).
    (vi) Availability of appropriate skills among key staff including their Curriculum Vitaes,
    (vii) Any other information demonstrating the firm's capacity to carry out the assignment.

11. Competent consultancy firms may constitute joint ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

12. Eligibility criteria, for the establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Procurement Policy for Bank Group

Funded Operations" dated October 2015 which is available on the Bank's website at https://www.afdb.org

13. Expressions of interest including supporting documents must be delivered OR emailed to the address below by **16 December 2026** at or before 11:30 local time and mention **'Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services: Preparation of Technical and Financial Feasibility Studies for Grid Connected Solar Photovoltaic Parks with Utility Scale Battery Storage in Djibouti and Ethiopia, and Regional Solar Resources Mapping in IGAD Member States'.** The format for emailed documents shall be in PDF.

14. The e-mailed Expressions of Interest shall be addressed to:

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