REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
POWER, ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN GROWTH COMPLEX
Abidjan – Cote d’Ivoire

1. The African Development Bank hereby invites consultancy firms to express their interest in the following assignment: **POWER SECTOR ADVISORY AND DELIVERY SUPPORT**.

2. The Bank seeks to establish a Framework Contract (Indefinite Delivery Contract model)\(^1\) for this assignment, with a group of Consulting Firms, to provide on demand and “as and when required”, resources and expertise to directly support specific African government agencies towards achieving specific and defined objectives or deliverables. The required resources must be experienced and knowledgeable, considered as experts in respective fields and with proven capability and capacity to provide advisory and delivery support services along the following power sector reform thematic topics:
   a. Electricity Sector Policy and Legislation framework
   b. Regulatory, tariff structure and institutional frameworks
   c. Power Market structure, organizational and operational governance, capacity, performance and sustainability
   d. Integrated Sector Planning and universal access realisation
   e. Green growth and Climate Change policy, strategy regulation and implementation

3. Typical services to be provided under the Assignment include but are not limited to: (i) perform diagnostic reviews or analyses on varying topics across the thematic areas as mentioned; (ii) to determine gaps, devise mechanisms and identify opportunities for reform and or sector improvement across any of the thematic areas; (iii) to develop a detailed strategy/implementation plan and clear roadmap for realisation and implementation of the proposed action plan; (iv) to provide coordination and or implementation support resources to drive, oversee and deliver on successful implementation of the proposed plan, (v) provide expert advisory and support services to the specific government agency, develop required reports, briefs and other communication material as may be required (v) act as the face of the Bank as an honest broker in driving the mandate at the best interest and liaise as appropriate in the course of executing duties.

4. Depending on the specific scope of the required advisory and delivery support request, the resources may be required to be imbedded within the government agencies, reporting directly to the government representative or focal point for an extended period of time. In such instances a Memorandum of Understanding shall be agreed on between all parties defining the reporting relationship.

5. The specific scope of the advisory and delivery support request will vary from country to country governments and may either cover all the thematic components or may only include some components of the thematic topics. The specific service request submitted to the shortlisted firms and individual consultants will detail the actual service scope to enable firms to respond with a formal proposal and financial bid.

6. The purpose of the framework contract is to ensure that consultants in the afore-mentioned areas of expertise are hired in a timely and efficient manner to respond to requests as received

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\(^1\) A framework contract is an agreement between one or more contracting authorities and one or more economic operators, the purpose of which is to establish first the terms governing specific contracts which may be awarded later on, particularly as regards the duration, subject, price, implementation rules and the quantities envisaged. This approach is widely used as it allows for shorter response time.
Consulting firms (or consortia) will be selected on a competitive basis and contracted as per the framework agreement for an initial period of 24 months. Once a specific request is received, consulting firms participating in the framework agreement, will be requested to submit a proposal within one week for resources, experienced and knowledgeable in delivering the specific objective/deliverable. Award of the task to be based on successful competitive outcome considering the experience, qualification and adequacy of the proposed resources as well as the time for implementation and cost.

The Power, Energy, Climate Change and Green Growth Complex now invites eligible Consulting Firms to express their interest in providing services in relation to the required Assignment. Interested Firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (registration documents of the firm, brochures, detailed description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff relevant to the assignment, approach followed in previous similar assignments specifically relating to the study component as well as implementation etc.). Consulting Firms may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification. Consulting Firms (or consortia) may express their interest to participate in providing resources across all the thematic areas or only for selected thematic topics.

Interested Firms are expected to have a demonstrable track record of experience in providing power sector and advisory support, sector analyses, reform programme design and implementation and or related studies and assignments including development of economic and financial models for the power sector, sector policy review, regulatory review, utility performance review, governance analyses, access planning, design and review as well as human resource capacity analyses on the African continent or similar jurisdictions. Demonstrated Africa experience dealing with government agencies will be an added advantage.

The expressions of interest should have the following format and will be scored on the above criteria:

- Details of the Consulting Firm or consortium of Consulting Firms (including where company is headquartered and history of operations) (1 page)
- Expression of Interest (max. 10 pages) detailing strengths, expertise, approach and any information focusing on the above information
- CV’s of proposed expert resources (pages as needed)
- Any additional document /section you believe to be relevant (max 5 pages).

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the Bank’s “Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants”. Please note that interest expressed by a Consultancy Firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include the firm in the shortlist.

The duration of the Framework Agreement shall be Twenty-four (24) months. The Commencement Date is anticipated to be May 1, 2020.

Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information at the email addresses below during office hours: 09:00 – 17:00 GMT +2.

Expressions of interest must be received in soft copy to the email addresses below no later than Friday, April 24th, 2020 at 17:00 GMT+2 and specifically mentioning: “Expression of Interest – Power Sector Advisory and Delivery Support”
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