REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

***NIGERIA***

***ECOWAS - REGIONAL ELECTRICITY ACCESS PROJECT (ECOWAS - REAP) (Phase 1)***

**Selection of Individual Consultant as ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST**

**Project reference No**.: ***P164044***

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) *has received a grant* from the World Bank toward the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Access Project (ECOWAS - REAP)**,** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the **Selection of Individual Consultant as Environmental Specialist**.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the following as shown below and the duration of the contract shall be for **an initial period of one year renewable based on satisfactory performance for a minimum of three (3) years**. The consultant is expected to be available in the ECOWAS’s office in Abuja full time. Activities to be performed by the Environmental Specialist include but are not limited to the following:

1. Provide overall technical environmental safeguards oversight for the project preparation and implementation under the general management of the RCU Head;
2. Providing necessary coordination and relevant input into preparation of Environmental studies for projects under preparation and implementation;
3. Coordinating recruitment of environmental consultants, including drafting TOR, estimating budget, providing assistance in shortlisting and evaluation firms/individual consultant’s proposals/qualifications, negotiating and preparing contracts;
4. Ensuring that bidding documents and contracts include necessary environmental provisions;
5. Review of environmental assessment report and explain the specific environmental issues related to projects to the financing institutions;
6. Prepare outlines of environmental issues or risks to be addressed in the contracts or the financing documents as appropriate;
7. Ensure stakeholder consultation with respect to environmental issues of the project;
8. Supervise contractors’ performance in handling specific environmental issues; provide corrective instructions as needed;
9. Prepare relevant parts of required environmental and social monitoring reports, including reports on ESMP implementation status;
10. Analyse project implementation reports to ensure that all work is completed in full compliance with environmental Policies;
11. Support for the formulation and implementation of social support measures for RAPs;
12. Ensure good collaboration with government agencies, decentralized institutions and local civil society;
13. Provide technical support to national PIUs for capacity building on environmental safeguards
14. Other activities, as instructed by the RCU Head.

The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible Individual Consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. *The shortlisting criteria are as follow*:

**Qualification and Skills**

* Must hold a Master’s Degree or equivalent in Environmental Science or Environmental Engineering ;
* Good command of information technology and communication tools;
* Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team;
* Fluent in French or English with excellent written and spoken skills. Working knowledge of the other language will be an advantage;
* Experienced computer user, including excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office suite.
* Excellent written, presentation and reporting skills

**Experience**

* At least 10 years of working experience in environmental activities particularly in Environmental Impact Evaluation for infrastructure projects.
* Have been involved in at least in two (2) Environmental Impact Evaluation studies on power project specifically in grid extension or reinforcement projects or electrification projects HTA/BTA/BT or Power generation in the last five (5) years;
* Experience and understanding methodology of environmental rules and regulations of the World Bank or any donor funding project (AfDB, USAID etc...);
* Have a good knowledge of the issues and problems facing the energy sector in the ECOWAS region.

***Language***

Candidates must speak and write fluent French and English; and have excellent written, presentation and reporting skill; Knowledge of Portuguese will be a plus.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank’s *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Project Financing – Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016*, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest in Consulting Services.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the *Selection of Individual Consultant*set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours ***Monday to Friday from 9.00 a.m to 5.00 p.m (GMT + 1) Local Time****,*

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form in (person, or by mail, or by e-mail) to the address below, by **February 28, 2019 at 11.00 a.m (GMT + 1)**.

1. Electronically to the email addresses below:
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* ***with copies to:***
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1. Delivered in a written form (one (1) signed original plus three (3) copies in (person, or by registered mail) to the physical address:

ECOWAS Commission , Procurement Division, First (1st) Floor of the ECOWAS Commission Headquarters, **Plot** **101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, Abuja, NIGERIA.**

**Commissioner, General Administration & Conference**