

ECOWAS COMMISSION

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

**NIGERIA-CAMEROON MULTINATIONAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION PROGRAMME FOR THE BAMENDA-ENUGU CORRIDOR**

Financing Agreement reference: (Grant No **2100155015166**)

Project ID No.: **P-Z1-DB0-023**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOFT INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENTS FOR THE OPERATIONALIZATION OF MFUM/EKOK JOINT BORDER POST BETWEEN FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON ALONG THE ENUGU-BAMENDA CORRIDOR**

1. This request is for expression of interest following the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for the above mentioned project that appeared in Development Business No. 733 of August 31, 2008.

1. The Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS) Commission has received a Grant from the African Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of financing the Nigeria-Cameroon Multinational Highway and Transport Facilitation Programme for the Bamenda-Enugu Corridor, and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Grant for payments under the contract for ***Consultancy services to support the implementation of the soft infrastructure components for the operationalization of Mfum/Ekok Joint Border Post between Federal Republic of Nigeria and Republic of Cameroon along the Enugu-Bamenda Corridor***
2. The Services expected to be carried out by the Consultant are not limited to the following:
3. Support the Procurement and Installation of Equipment including Furniture, Computers, Weighbridge, Scanners, Telephone, Data connectivity, Local Area Network and Intranet; etc.
4. To support Customs System Interconnectivity between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Republic of Cameroon by promoting in a neutral manner the effective integration, communication and harmonization of these systems at the Joint Border Post;
5. Review and Support the Implementation of the Roadmap of the Legal Framework for the establishment of Joint Border Post between Federal Republic of Nigeria and Republic of Cameroon especially on the Operating Procedure Manual and Formation of the Joint Steering Committee. The Consultant is to recommend Implementation Methods.
6. Follow-up with the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Republic of Cameroon to obtained signatures for the Bilateral Agreement for the Establishment and Implementation of Joint Border Post at Mfum/Ekok Border prepared for the project.
7. Coordinate Operationalization process with other Contractors; serve as the Department of Infrastructure Liaison between Border Officers, Government Agencies, and Border Users including Trucking Companies;
8. Drive the sensitization of stakeholders on the outcomes of the Legal Framework for the Joint Border Post especially with border agencies, clearing agents, transport companies, traders and companies engaged in exporting and importing and the general public to create a favourable environment before starting operations at the Post.
9. Sensitize the Road Users and Stakeholders of the Vehicle and Axle Load Controls Regime developed between Federal Republic of Nigeria in ECOWAS and Republic of Cameroon in CEMAC/ECCAS for the purpose of Facilitating Trade and Exchanges on the Bamenda (in Cameroon) – Enugu (in Nigeria) Corridor.
10. Prepare a TOR for approval and Conduct Baseline Study on the Existing Border formalities at Mfum/Ekok Border. Key information required are the crossing/waiting time, Available forms, number of Agencies, etc.
11. To Develop and Organize requisite Training Programs for Border Agencies including officials of Immigration, Customs, Police, Gendarmerie, Security Agents, Drug Enforcement Agents etc. These Training Programs should include Private Sector Operatives should include on-the-job and ‘classroom’ Training relating to the Joint Border Post Operating Procedures Manual etc.;
12. The duration of the assignment is 6 months.
13. The Economic ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested Consultants shall be shortlisted based on the following criteria: **(a)** General Experience in Cross border projects over the past 10 years (2008 – 2017); **(b)** Specific Experience in at least two (2) Transport Facilitation projects, especially on Joint Border Post operationalization during the past 10 years (2008 – 2017); **(c)** Experience in at least two (2) Donor-Funded Building/road Projects in Sub-Sahara African during the last 10 years (2008 – 2017); **(d)** Availability of appropriate skills staff( List, Qualifications, and Experience); **(e)** the Availability Logistic (Resources and Equipment); **(f)** the Availability of IT Resources (Specialized Software), **(g)** Capacity to Produce Reports and all other Relevant Documents in both English and French.

**NB: Each Reference will be summarized on a Project Sheet with all relevant Supporting Documents indicating the Contact Information of the Contracting Authorities so as to Facilitate Verifications of the information provided: Excerpts of Contract (inner cover page and page with the signatures) in addition to an Attestation of Good Performance.**

1. Consultants may constitute Joint-Ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.
2. The Eligibility criteria, preparation of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be 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>.
3. Interested consultants can obtain further information through the e-mail addresses mentioned below during working hours: **9.00am - 4.00pm, Nigerian Time, (GMT + 1) Mondays through Fridays (except public holidays)**: procurement@ecowas.int; sbangoura@ecowas.int; with copy to amaliki@ecowas.int; ecapochichi@ecowas.int; pgueye@ecowas.int;
4. Expressions of Interest must be delivered both electronically and in a written form to the address below, not later than **Friday, April 5, 2019, at 4.00 pm (GMT + 1),** **Nigerian Time** and must be clearly marked: “***Consultancy services to support the implementation of the soft infrastructure components for the operationalization of Mfum/Ekok Joint Border Post between Federal Republic of Nigeria and Republic of Cameroon along the Enugu-Bamenda Corridor*:**
5. **For the delivery in person or by registered mail ( in a written form with one (1) signed original plus seven (7) copies) :**

**ECOWAS Commission,**

**Procurement Division,**

**First (1st) Floor of the ECOWAS Commission Headquarters,**

 **Plot 101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, Abuja, NIGERIA.**

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1. The working language shall be **English**. The Expression of Interest should be submitted in **English or French**.