



ECOWAS REGIONAL ELECTRICITY ACCESS PROJECT (ECOWAS-REAP) (Phase 1) - P164044

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)**

Recruitment of a Junior Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist NG-ECOWAS-DEM-178458-CS-INDV

Date : July 17 - 31, 2020

Venue : ECOWAS Commission, Directorate of Energy & Mines

Town : ABUJA

Country : Nigeria

Project reference No.: P164044

1. 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 a **Junior Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist** for the Regional Coordination Unit (RCU).
2. The Project Development Objective (PDO) is to increase grid electricity access in ECOWAS region. In its Phase 1, the project will finance the strengthening and extension of the distribution network (MV and LV) in three West African countries, namely Guinea Bissau, Mali and The Gambia and to enable cross-border electrification in those countries.
3. The Consultant services (“the Services”) include the following as shown below and the duration of the contract shall be **one (1) year**. During the services the Consultant is expected to be available in the ECOWAS’s office in Abuja.
4. The Junior Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialist will generally be responsible for environmental and social activities of the project, including monitoring the implementation of the ESMP and RAP, and preparing reports on all environmental and social activities with the inputs from the Senior Environmental and Social specialists. He will ensure strict compliance of project preparation and implementation activities with environmental and social standards set by the World Bank, the countries and ECOWAS. He will undertake activities which include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Oversight of overall environmental and social safeguards in project preparation and implementation under the general management of the RCU Coordinator;
 - b. Provision of necessary coordination and relevant inputs in preparation of environmental and social studies for the project under preparation and implementation;
 - c. Support to RCU Coordinator in project management;
 - d. Assistance in recruitment of environmental and social consultants, including drafting ToR, estimating budget, evaluating consultants, negotiating and preparing contracts;
 - e. Ensuring that bidding documents and contracts include necessary environmental and social provisions;
 - f. Review of environmental assessment and social report and report on specific environmental and social issues related to the project to the financing institutions;
 - g. Preparation of outlines of environmental issues or risks to be addressed in the contracts or the financing documents as appropriate;
 - h. Supervision of contractors' performance in handling specific environmental and social issues and provision of corrective instructions as needed;
 - i. Preparation of relevant parts of required environmental and social monitoring reports, including reports on ESMP and RAP implementation status;
 - j. Analysis of project implementation reports to ensure that all work is completed in full compliance with environmental and social policies;
 - k. Help in preparation and implementation of support measures for ESMPs and RAPs;
 - l. Monitoring of grievance process and assessment of comments and complaints from PAPs on issues of resettlement and other relevant environmental and social issues, and recommendation of actions to address properly identified issues;
 - m. Review of lists of crop and property and public areas, affected by the project and help to get rapid payment of the related compensations;
 - n. Preparation of reports on the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan and the Resettlement Action Plan, highlighting gender and vulnerable people support measures;
 - o. Help to ensure proper resolution of conflicts through mediation;
 - p. Analysis of recommendations of supervisory offices or other providers;
 - q. Ensure good collaboration with government agencies, decentralized institutions and local civil society;
 - r. Technical support to national PIUs and RCU for capacity building on environmental and social safeguards
 - s. Other activities, as instructed by the RCU Coordinator.
5. The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible 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 regarding the following criteria at the next paragraph (§6).
 6. The Consultant will have to prove a professional experience including but not limited the following qualification requirements:

Qualifications and skills

- i. Must hold a minimum Bachelor's degree or equivalent in Environmental Science, Social Science or Environmental Engineering;

- ii. Good command of information technology and communication tools;
- iii. Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team;
- iv. Experienced computer user, including excellent knowledge of MS-Office suite;
- v. Excellent written, presentation and reporting skills.

General work experience

At least 5 years of working experience in environmental and social activities particularly in Environmental and Social Impact Evaluation for infrastructure projects.

Specific work experience

- i. Have been involved in at least in two (2) Environmental and Social Impact Evaluation studies on power project specifically in grid extension or reinforcement projects or electrification projects HV/LV or Power generation in the last five (5) years;
- ii. Experience and understanding methodology of environmental and social rules and regulations of the World Bank or any donor funding project (AfDB, USAID, etc.);
- iii. Have some knowledge of the issues and problems facing the energy sector in the ECOWAS region;
- iv. Experience in Social Impact Evaluation studies on power projects of the ECOWAS region will be an advantage

Language requirement

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

- 7. A Candidate will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016, revised in November 2017 and August 2018).
- 8. 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,

ECOWAS Commission, Directorate of General Administration, Head of Procurement, Procurement Division, Plot 101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro District, Abuja, NIGERIA.

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- 9. Expressions of interest must be delivered latest by **July 31, 2020 at 5.00 p.m**, Abuja Times (GMT + 1) **at the above e-mail contacts.**