

# MULTINATIONAL: THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)



## STUDY ON THE PRAIA - DAKAR-ABIDJAN TRANSPORT CORRIDOR PROJECT

### NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

#### SELECTION OF A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE AN OPTIMAL ALIGNMENT FOR THE DAKAR-ABIDJAN CORRIDOR HIGHWAY

1. The ECOWAS Commission has received a Grant from the New Partnership for Africa's Development Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility ("NEPAD- IPPF"), with the African Development Bank as fund Administrator, to cover the cost of studies on the Praia-Dakar-Abidjan Transport Corridor Project and intends to use part of grant amount to finance the service contract of consultants responsible for **conducting the study to determine an optimal Alignment for the Dakar-Abidjan Corridor Highway**.
2. The services under this contract mainly consist of: (i) an assessment of the corridor to illustrate the current state of the proposed road network considering the immediate and future plans by the member states to rehabilitate or construct sections of the highway on new alignments; and (ii) determining the optimal alignment using a multi-criteria approach in choosing between options of the route within each member state of the Dakar-Abidjan corridor for investment considerations. This criteria analysis will include an economic, environmental, and social impacts and ballpark cost estimates; and (iii) Propose realistic lotting of the optimum alignment for the purpose of a full-blown feasibility study.
3. The studies will be conducted over an estimated length of 3,164km broken down as follows:
  - i. **Senegal** Part 1: Dakar-Kaolack-Karang (Gambia Border) (276km) and Part 2: Gambia Border-Seleti-Bignona-Ziguinchor-Mpak (Guinea Bissau Border) (114km)
  - ii. **The Gambia Part 1:** Amdallai-Bara-Banjul (25km) and **Part 2:** Banjul-Mandinaba-Jiboro (64km)
  - iii. **Guinea Bissau:** Mpack-Safim-Bissau-Nhacra-Quebo-Mampata-Guinea Border (347km)
  - iv. **Guinea:** Guinea Bissau Border-Boke-Conakry-Forecariah-Pamelap- Sierra Leone Border (483km)
  - v. **Sierra Leone:** Guinea Border-Gbalamuya-Rogbere Junction- Masiaka-Bo-Bandajuma-Gendema-Liberia-Border (428km)
  - vi. **Liberia:** Sierra Leone Border-Bo Waterside-Monrovia-Gbarnga-Ganta-Tappita-Toe-Zamu-Côte d'Ivoire Border (637km)
  - vii. **Côte d'Ivoire:** Liberia Border-Pekan Barrage-Touleupleu-Bloléquin-Guiglo-Duekoue-Daloa-Bouafle-Yamoussoukro.

All alignments and distances provided are indicative and subject to the eventual confirmation of alignments by Member States and consultants.

4. The overall duration of the studies is estimated at Ten (10) months.

5. The ECOWAS Commission now invites Consultants (firms specialized in transport infrastructure engineering studies) to submit their expressions of interest for the services described above. All interested eligible and qualified consultants must provide information on their qualifications and experience, demonstrating that they are qualified to provide similar services. The criteria for preparing the shortlist are: (a) experience in highway works (studies, supervision, technical assistance) over the past ten (10) years; (b) experience in engineering studies and/or supervision of works related to crossing structures or grade-separated junctions (fly-overs) over the past ten (10) years; (c) experience in donor-financed transport infrastructure studies or supervision (rehabilitation, construction or upgrading) over the past ten (10) years; (d) Experience in sub-Saharan Africa; (e) List of Relevant Key Staff proposed; (f) IT resources (specialized software), (g) capacity to produce reports and all other relevant documents on the study in English, French and Portuguese.

**NB: Each reference will be summarized on a project sheet and will be considered only if the candidate attaches supporting documents indicating the contact information of the contracting authorities so as to facilitate verification of the information provided: Excerpts of contract (inner cover page and page with the signatures) OR Attestation of good performance.**

6. Consultants may form groups to increase their chances of qualification.

7. The eligibility criteria, the preparation of shortlist, and the selection procedure shall comply with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy Framework (dated October 2015), available on the Bank's website: <http://www.afdb.org>. The selection procedure will be based on Quality Based Selection Method (QBS), and a shortlist of six (6) firms which present the best profiles shall be drawn up after the expression of interest.

8. Interested consultants can obtain further information at the e-mail addresses mentioned below during working hours: 9.00am - 4.00pm, Nigerian Time, (GMT + 1) Mondays through Fridays (except public holidays): [sbangoura@ecowas.int](mailto:sbangoura@ecowas.int) with copy to [procurement@ecowas.int](mailto:procurement@ecowas.int); [amaliki@ecowas.int](mailto:amaliki@ecowas.int); [cappiah@ecowas.int](mailto:cappiah@ecowas.int); [ikkamara@ecowas.int](mailto:ikkamara@ecowas.int), [vtulay@ecowas.int](mailto:vtulay@ecowas.int), [pqueye@ecowas.int](mailto:pqueye@ecowas.int)

9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in hard copy (one (1) original plus four (4) copies) in (person, or by registered mail) to the address below, not later than **(20, September 2021) at 11:00 a.m. (GMT+1), Nigeria Time** and must be clearly marked: **“Selection of a Consultant to Conduct a Study to determine an Optimal Alignment for the Dakar-Abidjan Corridor Highway”**. In addition, electronic copies saved on appropriate media (flash drives) must be included in the package.

**For delivery in person or by registered mail to:**

**Procurement Division,  
Directorate of General Administration,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the ECOWAS Commission Headquarters,  
Plot 101, Yakubu Gowon Crescent,  
Asokoro District, Abuja, NIGERIA.**

Requests for further information or clarification could be sent by e-mail to the address mentioned in (7) above.

10. The working languages shall be in English, French and Portuguese. The Expression of Interest will be submitted in English or French.

**Commissioner General Administration and Conference**