

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 FINANCIAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC, LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND MANAGEMENT STRUCTURING STUDIES INCLUDING PREPARATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRAIA-DAKAR MARITIME LINK

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 of Financial, Socio-Economic, Legal Framework and Management Structuring Studies Including preparation of Bidding Documents for the Implementation of the Praia-Dakar Maritime Link.**
2. The services under this contract mainly consist of: **Financial, Socio-economic, Legal framework and management structuring studies including preparation of bidding documents for the Feasibility studies of Praia-Dakar maritime link.** This component covers a) financial and socio-economic analysis (economic analysis (CBA), financial analysis (in NPV terms), fiscal analysis, VFM analysis, Procurement strategy etc.); b) propose a management model for the maritime link, which will include institutional & legal feasibility analysis; c) proposing a schedule of implementation and a risk analysis; and d) Drafting bidding documents for project implementation.
3. The overall duration of the studies is estimated at Ten (10) months.
4. The ECOWAS Commission now invites Consultants (firms specialized in maritime transport infrastructure and shipping 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) general experience in maritime transport (studies, transaction advisory, technical assistance, operational support, supervision, etc.), over the past ten (10) years; (b) experience in conducting Financial and Economic analysis , conducted over the past ten (10) years; (c) experience in the conduct of socio-economic analysis of benefits over the past ten (10) year; (d) experience in establishing appropriate management options (organizational structure, institutional and legal frameworks over the past ten (10) year; (e) experience in the development of a project financial sequencing and implementation strategy over the past ten (10) year, (f) experience in donor-financed transport studies; (g) Experience in sub-Saharan Africa; (h) List of Relevant Key Staff proposed; (i) 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.

5. Consultants may associate with others to increase their chances of qualification.

6. 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 and Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS), and a shortlist of six (6) firms which present the best profiles shall be drawn up after the expression of interest.

7. Interested consultants can obtain further information at the e-mail addresses mentioned below during working hours: 0800 to 1600 (GMT+1) on working days: procurement@ecowas.int with copy to; cappiah@ecowas.int; sbangoura@ecowas.int; pqueye@ecowas.int; ikkamara@ecowas.int; vtulay@ecowas.int; amaliki@ecowas.int.

8. 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 (Firm) to Conduct Financial, Socio-Economic, Legal Framework and Management Structuring Studies Including Preparation of Bidding Documents for the Implementation of the Praia-Dakar Maritime Link"**. 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,
1st 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 (6) above.

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

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