

MULTINATIONAL: BENIN, COTE D'IVOIRE, GHANA, NIGERIA, TOGO AND THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)



ABIDJAN-LAGOS CORRIDOR HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME STUDY

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

RECRUITMENT OF CONSULTANT FOR SERVICE DELIVERY RELATING TO TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION STUDY

1. The ECOWAS Commission received from the African Development Fund (AfDB) and the European Development Fund (through the Africa Investment Facility -AfIF) several grants and loans to cover the cost of studies on the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Highway development project and intends to use part of the amount awarded to finance consultancy services for Trade and Transport Facilitation Study.
2. The services provided for under this contract include: (i) collection of data/information from the ECOWAS Commission, Corridor Member Countries (CMC) and at each border Post; (ii) Analyse the data/information; (iii) based on international best-practice, identify mitigation measures to address tariff and non-tariff barriers, trade barriers and logistical challenges encompassing hard and soft infrastructure components to ensure the efficient movement of trade along the corridor in terms of cost, time, predictability and reliability in regional transport, trade and economic integration in the ECOWAS region. (iii) provide estimated budgets and implementation schedule; and (iv). prepare an Action Plan for implementation of interventions.
3. The components of the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Highway development project study will be carried out on the whole corridor and according to the following segments: (i) Lot 1: Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire)- Takoradi (Ghana), 295 km; (ii) Lot 2: Takoradi (Ghana)-Akanu (Ghana), 466 km and (iii) Lot 3: Noepe (Togo)-Cotonou (Benin) Lagos (Nigeria), 320 km.
4. The total estimated duration of the proposed Trade and Transport Facilitation study is Seven (7) calendar months and the interim and Draft study Reports will be approved at validation meetings with stakeholders.
5. The ECOWAS Commission hereby invites Consultants (firms specializing in Trade and Transport Facilitation Studies) to apply in order to provide the services described above. Interested, eligible and qualified consultants shall provide information on their ability and experience, showing their qualification for services of similar magnitude. The short-listing criteria are:
 - a) Experience within the last ten (10) years in the area of Trade and Transport Facilitation studies on cross-border corridor projects;
 - b) Firms' general organization (Structure and availability of appropriately skilled staff,).

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, key project personnel page and page with the signatures) or Attestation of good performance.

6. Consultants may form a consortium 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 Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants" (May 2008 edition – revised in July 2012), 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 evaluation of expression of interest. Also the firms that are part of an international network are to submit one expression of interest.
8. Expressions of interest must be delivered in hard copy (**one (1) original plus three (3) copies**) in (person, or by registered mail) to the address below, not later than **March 3, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. (GMT+1), Nigeria Time** and must be clearly marked: "**Abidjan-Lagos Corridor Highway-Trade and Transport Facilitation Study**". In addition, electronic copies saved on appropriate media (flash drives, CD ROM, etc.) must be included in the package.
9. For delivery in person or by registered mail to:

*Procurement Division,
Directorate of General Administration,
1st Floor of the ECOWAS Headquarter Building,
101 Yakubu Gowon Crescent, Asokoro,
Abuja Nigeria.*

10. Requests for further information or clarification could be sent by e-mail:
Attention : Commissioner General Administration & Conference
Email : vtulay@ecowas.int

with copies to: sbangoura@ecowas.int, procurement@ecowas.int; cappiah@ecowas.int;
mselemene@ecowas.int; ikkamara@ecowas.int; pgueye@ecowas.int

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