



PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT

SOMALI ELECTRICITY ACCESS PROJECT "SEAP"

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – Selection Based on (QCBS))**

COUNTRY: Republic of Somaliland
PROJECT NAME: Somali Electricity Access project
PROJECT ID: P165497 GRANT NO: TF-A9095
ASSIGNMENT TITLE: Preparation of Indicative least cost Geo-spatial electrification plan to achieve universal access.
REFERENCE NO.: SO-MOEM-115121-CS-QCBS
PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT: Somaliland

BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

The Government of Somaliland (the Government) is currently implementing Somali Electricity Access Project (SEAP), with grant funding from World Bank. The project development objective of SEAP is to expand access to electricity in targeted urban, peri-urban, and rural communities. SEAP consists of three components:

Component 1: Electrification of households and small businesses through standalone solar home systems.

Component 2: Analytic work for enabling electrification through Solar Powered / Hybrid Mini-grids

Component 3: Technical Assistance, Capacity Building and Project Management

The Ministry of energy and minerals intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to engage to competitively recruit a firm (the "Consultant") specialized in Geospatial studies which will focus on the preparation of a GIS database of relevant layers and a geospatial least-cost electrification options.

This geospatial will focus on the preparation of a GIS database of relevant layers and a geospatial least-cost electrification options analysis for use by the government in preparation of electrification strategy and investment pipeline for mini-grids, grid extensions and the deployment of off-grid technologies in Somaliland. The detailed geospatial analysis will consider, based on good practice and international experience, possible least-cost options for electrification, provide a sound strategic basis to implement systematically staged grid extensions and the deployment of off-grid technologies (mini-grids and standalone systems) powered by cost-effective renewable energy supply where appropriate, and indicative investment requirements for on-grid and off-grid access delivery modalities.

The Firm is expected to be conducted and reports delivered within 12 Months from commencement

The Consultant will report to the project coordinator and undertake all the specific tasks detailed out in the Terms of Reference (TOR). The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: www.moem-sl.com it can be provided upon submission of application in person or by e-mail. The e-mail address is provided below.

The MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERALS in Government of Somaliland now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") in providing the above services. Interested consulting firms must provide information

indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, and availability of appropriate skills etc.). The short-listing criteria are as follows:

1. Core business of the firm and years in business.
2. Specific experience of conducting similar assignments on Geospatial and electrification strategies in Public Sector, Private Sector and Geospatial electrification planning projects; and familiarity with World Bank policies and procedures.
3. Experience of relevant services in an environment similar to that of Somaliland; and
4. The technical and managerial organization of the firm. (Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications and number of key staff. Do not provide CV of staff). Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Financing - Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services dated July 2016 and revised in November 2017 and August 2018, ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualification but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub consultancy. In case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations.

Interested Consultant may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from **8:30am to 4:00pm Hargeisa time** (Excluding public holidays).

Further information can be obtained by sending email requests at the email address below. Expressions of interest must be delivered (in person, by mail, or by e-mail) or in a written form in three (3) hard copies to the address below by 9:30 am, Thursday/ 05 of September, 2019.

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