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**BJ-Cotonou: EIB - Owner's engineer for the implementation of the Côte d'Ivoire - Liberia - Sierra Leone - Guinea (CLSG) interconnection project
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

West African Power Pool (WAPP), Cote d'Ivoire – Liberia – Sierra Leone – Guinea (CLSG) Interconnection Project ID No. – P113266

EOI Ref No. CS-02 [Re-advertisement of CS-01]

The West African Power Pool has applied for financing from the European Union (EU) - Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund, for which the European Investment Bank (EIB) shall act as Agent, towards the cost of the WAPP CLSG Interconnection Project. Financing from the World Bank to the Government of Liberia towards the cost of the WAPP CLSG Interconnection Project has been approved, and the Government intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

It is anticipated that EU funding will cover the cost of Phase 1 of the requisite services and World Bank funding will cover the cost of Phase 2 (see below).

The consulting services to be provided by the Owner's Engineer will be divided into the following two phases:

Phase 1: Pre-construction (tendering process for Design, Supply & Installation (D, S&I) contracts, including bid evaluation and contract award)

Phase 2: Supervision of construction (physical implementation) and subsequent 1-year guarantee period.

Physical implementation of the project will take place through a number of D, S&I contracts (including detailed engineering) contracts. Nine D, S&I contracts are envisaged at this stage but the actual number will depend on, among others, finalisation of the project financing plan.

Both Phase 1 and 2 are expected to be awarded on the basis of time-based contracts. The implementation period of the services is expected to be approximately 5 years (10 months for the Phase 1, and 4 years for Phase 2). Phase 1 is expected to be implemented in the period August 2013 to May 2014 and Phase 2 from June 2014 to July 2017. The contract for Phase 2 initiation shall be implemented upon the conditions of the satisfactory performance during Phase 1, and the commencement of implementation of this Phase 2 contract will, among others, depend upon the timely progress of the WAPP-CLSG Project.

The Engineer's activities in Phase 1 will include but not necessarily be limited to:

- Review background documents, procurement strategy, D, S&I packaging and performance specifications/bidding documents prepared by another consultant;
- Assistance in carrying out the bidding process, bid evaluation, and contract award for all D, S&I contracts.

The Engineer's activities in Phase 2 will include but not necessarily be limited to:

- Overall project management and D, S&I contract administration
- Engineering and construction supervision
- Environmental monitoring

- Drafting of TOR for additional studies
- D, S&I contract updates if shown necessary by additional studies
- Testing/Commissioning/Taking Over of Works
- Review of project completion documents
- Support during the guarantee period

The West African Power Pool (WAPP) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. The CSLG Interconnection Project shall be implemented in four countries, which intend to establish a Regional Transmission company (RTC), established as a special purpose company (SPC), to implement the Project. While the selection process shall be carried out by, and the contracts shall be concluded with WAPP, the contracts shall be transferred to the RTC once it has been legally and operationally established.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria are listed below. The TORs for this assignment are available upon request, and can be obtained by writing an email to: nashfiifi@gmail.com

The shortlisting Criteria are:

- (i) Current technical capacity of candidate, experience and qualifications of the firm in the fields related to this assignment. The Candidate should have implemented during the last 5 years (2007 up to the deadline for submitting applications) at least 2 consultancy assignments, each of a minimum value of USD 3 million or EUR equivalent.
- (ii) Availability of well qualified and experienced staff for this assignment (man-month and value of similar assignments carried out should be indicated)
- (iii) Financial status of the candidate, in this regard candidates are required to submit financial statements for the last three years. Audited financial statements and additional information may be required by the client prior to finalizing the short list.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications and note that the selection criteria will be applied to the JV as a whole.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based method set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, 0900 to 1700 hours

Mr. Amadou Diallo, Secretary General, West African Power Pool Secretariat, 06 BP 2907, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: +229 21 37 41 95, +229 21 37 71 44, Fax: +229 21 37 71 43, Email: info@ecowapp.org, maknjie@ecowapp.org, nash@ecowapp.org, nashfiifi@gmail.com

Five copies of Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form in English and French version as well as an electronic version on CD-Rom. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in sealed envelopes bearing the mention: "Owner's Engineer for the Physical Implementation of the West African Power Pool (WAPP) Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Guinea (CLSG) Transmission Interconnector"

not later than 12 noon Benin local time on 11 February 2013 to the following address:

West African Power Pool Secretariat, Attn: Mr. Amadou Diallo, Secretary General, 06 BP 2907, Cotonou, Benin