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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Project Name: Rwanda Universal Energy Access Project

Title of Tender: Hiring a consulting firm to conduct supervision of rural electrification construction works under Rwanda Universal Energy Access Project, OPEC Fund & SFD funded component

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The Government of Rwanda, in its effort to sustain the economic growth, has increased and stabilized the power production since the severe power shortages in 2004. The country has currently achieved 226 MW and an access rate of 54%. Rwanda now targets more than 500 MW and universal access by 2024.

The **Government of Rwanda** has received financing from the **OPEC Fund** and **SAUDI Fund for Development (SFD)** toward the cost of the **Rwanda Universal Energy Access Project**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the Contract for SUPERVISION OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION CONSTRUCTION WORKS UNDER RWANDA UNIVERSAL ENERGY ACCESS PROJECT, OPEC Fund & SFD funded component.

1. OVERALL GOAL OF THE CONSULTANCY

The overall objective of the consultancy is to supervise the extension of existing MV national grid through construction of 130 km of MV (30 kV) distribution lines and 1,302 km of LV (0.4 kV) network and connection to 66,358 households. This project will address access to electricity in the Southern and Northern provinces of Rwanda (namely Muhanga, Gakenke and Kamonyi Districts). The works will include procurement of the required poles, conductors, transformers, energy meters, and other connection hardware and local installation services. This component will mainly be implemented on a turnkey contract basis..

2. SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT

The purpose of the consultancy service is to carry out the role of supervision for energy access construction works. The consultant will carry out the scope outlined below up to commissioning and preparation of final Project Completion Reports

The Consultant tasks shall include but not limited to the following:

- a) Review, update and finalize the design and specifications prepared by the contractors and Energy Development Corporation Limited (EDCL) office in order to ensure that they conform to acceptable international standards,
- b) Assist EDCL's project team in contracts negotiations for all construction contracts with successful bidders, and preparation of all contracts and minutes of negotiation in coordination with EDCL's team, and submission of such draft contracts and minutes of negotiation for "No objection" to OFID & SFD,
- c) Preparation and submission to EDCL's project team detailed project implementation schedule for onward submission to OFID & SFD,
- d) Supervision of the implementation of the project and establishment of a Project Site Organization as specified in ToRs
- e) General administration of the Project as detailed in the ToRs.
- f) Ensuring that the environmental and social impact mitigation and monitoring measures in the Project's Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) included in it are appropriately executed by the contractors as well as by relevant community and district and local government authorities;
- g) Preparation and submission of Project Completion Report, outlining, inter-alia, achievements in relations to objectives and targets in accordance with the OPEC Fund's and SFD's guidelines.

3. TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

This consultancy will be for a period of 24 months from contract effectiveness date.

4. EXPERTISE REQUIRED

Consultancy Firm:

The Consultant must be highly qualified for design, supervision and implementation of the project, and for that purpose should submit evidence of firm's previous experience in works associated with design, supervision and construction management of similar nature (experience in the supervision of distribution line and/or transmission lines projects) and preferably of projects located in Rwanda.

All site supervision staff should have adequate experience, similar to this Project area. In addition, it is required that all field personnel of the Consultant be proficient in international communication skills, particularly in English.

The Consultant should supply a description of the organization he plans to set up for the project and the list of his personnel with their Curriculum Vitae (CV) to be assigned to work in Rwanda for effective supervision and project management.

Consultant Key Staff:

The Consultant's Project Home Office and Site Organization Office shall comprise of the following key personnel but not limited to: **Resident Project Manager , Distribution Network Design Engineer, Distribution Network Supervisor and Environmentalist & Social expert**

Six consultant firms with capacity to perform the required services will be shortlisted. The request for proposals will be issued to shortlisted consultant firms which will provide technical and financial proposals.

All interested consultant firms should provide the above requirements, by submitting (through e-mail) the signed expression of interest, including the proof of experience required for consultant firm (completion certificates and copies of the contracts for the similar assignments performed in the past) , list of key staff with their tasks, their qualification and their experience, their signed curriculum vitae (CV) and copy of degrees not later than **16/09/ 2021 at 11:45 PM** (Local time).

The consultant firm will be selected in accordance with World Bank guidelines and through the Quality and Cost Based Selection. The detailed information is in terms of references published on REG website (www.reg.rw)

Expressions of interest in a written form must be delivered electronically on the following email addresses: procurement@edcl.reg.rw copy to smunyawera@edcl.reg.rw and jdruberannziza@edcl.reg.rw not later than **16/09/2021**

Done at Kigali, on **02 /08/2021**



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