

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF MINI-GRID PROJECT DEVELOPERS**

### **1. Background**

The Government of Rwanda recognizes the vital role that electricity access plays in accelerating economic development through improving health and standards of living in rural areas. The national Policy's approach on access to Electricity by 2024 is that 52% of national population will be connected through grid extension while 48% will be connected through Off-grid.

For the above targets to be met, a combination of solutions that focus on the location, income and consumption level is required. The most cost-effective means for increasing access to electricity is using off grid solutions that have wide range of technologies such as solar home systems, Mini-grids and Hybrid. This will be achieved through partnership with private sector focusing in rural areas as demarcated by the Nation Electrification Plan (NEP). It is with this regard, the Energy Development Corporation Limited (EDCL) now invites eligible Mini grid Private Developers to indicate their interest in mini grid project development.

### **2. Objective of the assignment**

The general objective of the assignment is to provide access to electricity to beneficiaries resided in rural areas of Rwanda using solar, hydro and/or hybrid resources. Mini-Grid Projects Developers (MPD) will be generating power and connect to users. Sites of intervention will be solely demarcated and provided to the qualified MPD by EDCL.

### **3. The Scope of work**

MPDs will be required to design, supply, construct, install and connect to end users with Mini grid systems through Independent Power Producers (IPP) mechanism. MPDs will assure the sustainability, reliability and effectiveness of the developed project.

### **4. Eligibility criteria**

- Submission of a signed expression of interest for being considered or Shortlisted for the bidding stages;
- General information on the firm or firms, its addresses, including main business, ownership, its shareholders, company group and subsidiaries, its organizational structure, main country/ies of establishment and operation, certificate of its incorporation, duration of business activities, etc.

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- Demonstration of experience in the field of rural electrification as an MPD in solar, hydro or hybrid technologies.
  - A signed statement by a duly authorized representative of the firm that the firm is in good financial order, is not bankrupt, is not having their affairs managed by a court or has not suspended its business, and a bank recommendation of its credibility;
  - In the case of Joint Ventures or Associations, they should be registered entities and association agreement signed by both parties must be provided. The JV/Association with Rwandan Companies are encouraged and shall be given more weight;
  - Audited financial statement for the last three years justifying financial standing with net worth.
  - Demonstration of one (1) related similar experience in Mini-grids development.

### **Submission of EOI**

Expressions of Interest in English should be submitted in hard copy to procurement Office of Energy Development Corporation Limited (EDCL) or through the e-mail mentioned below not later than **28/08/2019 at 5 P.M. local time (3 P.M. GMT)**

**The Managing Director of Energy Development Corporation Ltd**

**Attn: Procurement Unit**

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**Done at Kigali, on 13/08/2019**

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