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GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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Consulting Services: RECRUITMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS THIRD PARTY MONITORING CONSULTANT

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1. The Government of Sierra Leone has received funding from International Development Association IDA of the World Bank towards the preparation of the Resilient Urban Sierra Leone Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the funding for eligible payment under the contract for the Recruitment of an Environmental and Social Safeguards Third Party Monitoring Consultant.

2. Objective

The objective of the assignment is to provide an independent review of implementation and verification of project results by undertaking an annual environmental and social audit of the components of the project to ensure adherence to all aspects of safeguards instruments and compliance with national regulations and the ESF requirements of the World Bank.

Thus, the consultant will help to determine how far the activities under the project have complied with the ESCP, ESIA, ESMF, RPF etc. with sound environmental, social, health, and safety management practices.

The assignment will also identify any constraints during implementation, document best practices if any and suggest measures for effective implementation and monitoring.

3. Scope of Work

In accordance with the provision of the national regulations and the World Bank ESF requirements, the assignment covers all the components of the RUSLP in the following aspects:

- Review the environmental, legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the project.
- Verify levels of compliance by the project during construction and operation and with the requirements of the ESMF, ESIA, SEP and the site specific ESMP and identify gaps if any.
- Establish environmental management practices being implemented both from the point of view of adequacy as well as effectiveness, and identify gaps if any.
- Review and address issues related to Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM); documentation, reporting and resolution.
- Determine the magnitude of the predicted impacts of the projects on various physical and social parameters at the project sites and compliance monitoring.
- Determine the extent to which expected benefits of the project have been realized for

the stakeholders, community, and the environmental components.

- Review the environmental monitoring program to ensure the necessary verification of the effectiveness of implementation, and identify gaps if any.
- To compliment the efforts of the PMU, the auditor should ascertain that the contractors/consultants have not deviated from or significantly modified project implementation specifications as per project design and the Bank's E&S safeguards instruments. The auditor must immediately point out such deviation to the attention of the PIU.
- Review the implementing agency, consultants and contractors' capacity and other resources available to implement environmental management practices and identify gaps if any.
- To review the earlier stakeholder/public consultations done in order to determine the issues relevant to the Environmental Audit.
- To consult key stakeholders (PAPS, PIPS), local council officials, contractors, consultants, immediate neighboring communities – during the conduct of the review.
- Assess the major environmental non-compliance issues and challenges.
- Review existing project documentation related to all infrastructural facilities and designs.
- Review implementation status of recommendation/mitigation measures regarding design aspects of the civil works
- Assess the extent to which identified environmental and social risks are adequately addressed.

4. The PFMU now invites eligible consultant to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned package of service. A suggested composition of the E&S Assessment team is as follows (key team members, to be complemented as appropriate):

- Project Manager: A master's degree in Environmental Management/Civil Engineering/Project Management or related science with 15 years proven experience in managing ESIA's and world Bank E&S due diligence audit in large infrastructure project.
- Environmental specialist: A master's degree Environmental Management/Civil Engineering or related science with 10 years proven experience in ESIA's and E&S due diligence audits in the solid waste sector and infrastructure project.
- Health and safety specialist: A master's degree in Occupational health and safety, Public Health or related science with 8 years proven experience in the solid waste and infrastructure projects.
- Social specialist(s): A master's degree in social science or development with 8 years proven experience in complex infrastructure projects, including public consultation in the local context and resettlement related issues.
- Gender Based Specialist: At least a master's degree in Gender studies, social science or related field with 8 years proven experience in World Bank E&S implementation due diligence.

5. This REoI will lead to the preparation of Short list of Consultants

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 Revised November 2017, August 2018 and November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. The Consultant will be selected in

accordance with Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

6. Interested consultants may obtain any further information via email request to **resilienturbanslp2019@gmail.com**

7. Expressions of interest **MUST be sent via E-mail as attachment** with all supporting documents (Note: scan all relevant original documents)

To: resilienturbanslp2019@gmail.com Cc: pfm2018@gmail.com

Please indicate *clearly in the email subject* heading 'EOI RECRUITMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS THIRD PARTY MONITORING CONSULTANT'

ONLY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

SUBMISSION is slated for on or before 11th February, 2022