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GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST-Extension (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Sierra Leone
Resilient Urban Sierra Leone Project (RUSLP)
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Assignment Title: Consulting Service - Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for Proposed Upgrade of the Mile 5 Waste Management Facility in Bo City.

Reference No.: SL-MOFED-326205-CS-CQS

The Government of Sierra Leone has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Resilient Urban Sierra Leone Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

As part of the overall SWM support to Bo, an integrated waste-management system was set up and it has been quite successful at inception and a key component of the plan is the development of a recycling and composting facility and controlled dumpsite on a 10-acre site which is five miles from the City Centre along the Bo – Yele Highway in open countryside. This integrated waste-management system consists of waste prevention, efficient waste removal, better rates of recycling and proper disposal of rubbish and fecal sludge in a sanitary and environmentally friendly way.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The overall objective of this assignment is to conduct an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) with an associated Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and prepare a separate, standalone Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for the proposed upgrade of the Mile 5 Waste Management Facility to an engineered landfill in line with national regulations and the World Bank Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) and relevant WBG EHS Guidelines. The core outcome of the Study is an Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan (ESMMP) and a standalone Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) with livelihood enhancement measures, which will be used to enhance the positive impacts and mitigate the negative impacts for the proposed upgrade of the Waste Management Facility.

The consulting services (“the Services”) aims support to solid waste management activity in Bo, the project will finance integrated waste-management systems which consists of waste prevention, efficient waste removal, better rates of recycling and proper disposal of rubbish and fecal sludge in a sanitary and environmentally friendly way.

3.0 SCOPE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The Environmental and Social Impact Assessment should be conducted to determine the nature and extent of all environmental and social areas of concern at the existing facility. The assessment should identify and justify appropriate measures and actions to mitigate the areas of concern, estimate the cost of the measures and actions, and recommend a schedule for implementing them.

The scope of the assignment includes but is not limited to;

- An assessment of social and environmental impacts, which have already occurred, by:
 - establishing the social, economic and environmental profile of the area (including baseline E & S survey),
 - gathering demographic information of the affected communities; inventory of the affected land/assets and
 - Establishing land ownership details.
- A review of the existing corporate and site-specific environmental and social management systems, policies and practices;
- Organizational capacity and resources; human resources and employment (e.g. child Labour, forced Labour, non-discrimination and equal opportunity, workers' organisations, contractor management, retrenchment and employment) policies, the consultant should develop the Labor Management Plan which should be in compliance with national legislation, ESS2 and international guidelines. ;
- Occupational health and safety (local and national requirements, applicable international requirements and World Bank E&S standards, key health and safety issues, control of and major accident hazards, current health and safety monitoring programme, summary of regulatory compliance status, summary of health and safety incidences, emergency response, etc.);
- Establish if Pollution prevention measures are available and practiced at the facility and determine their overall regulatory compliance with national requirements and pertinent World Bank standards. In addition, this assessment will need to review compliance with the best international practices as a benchmark against current operations and planned facility upgrade;
- Assessment of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), using sector-specific KPIs and WB E&S framework
- Assess Industrial hygiene (including workers' and pickers' exposure and rates of industrial diseases) and workers' health and safety;
- Assess generation and management of hazardous substances (such as leachate management, treatment and discharge);
- Assess community health, safety and security as it relates to the facility's existing operations;
- Identify major hazards and their management and ascertain the existence of environmental management plans in the event of an incident, accident, or spill both on land and seepage into groundwater;
- Review current policy and practice in relation to avoidance of third-party intrusion into potentially hazardous areas (through access control - fences, security, personnel, others);

- Develop procedures for managing, environmental and social performance and occupational health and safety (OHS) during upgrading of the landfill, its operation and decommissioning.
- Establish the presence of hazardous waste on the site
- Ascertain the current level of noise and vibrations and their increase or decrease during the upgrade and future operations of the waste facility and related components;
- Identify current Odour, air pollution, dust, and smoke issues at the site and their future impact during the site upgrade and operation;
- Identify potential past environmental liabilities (e.g. soil and groundwater contamination as a consequence of past and present operations) which may affect the Bank's intervention in the proposed upgrade;
- Carry out stakeholder mapping/identification and analysis and conduct meaningful consultation with all affected people and stakeholders, review records of responsiveness to public comments, complaints and questions. The assessment should also identify the waste management stakeholders and review current/existing stakeholder engagement/public consultation activities in line with ESS10. The consultant should prepare a Stakeholder' Engagement Plan (SEP) in compliance with the RUSLP Stakeholder Engagement Framework.
- Prepare a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) with a Livelihood Restoration component for the proposed upgrade works. The RAP should address the potential resettlement and economic impacts on waste pickers and other affected parties in conformance with the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework requirements on Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement (ESS 5) and relevant national laws and regulations to ensure the adverse impacts resulting from physical and economic displacement due to proposed upgrade activities are adequately mitigated and the livelihood of Project Affected Persons (PAPs) restored. It should include detailed information on PAPs whose livelihoods are likely to be adversely affected by the project activities due to tentative closure of site due to the upgrade, during operations and final closure/decommissioning.

Consultants should take note that the Expression of Interest must include the following information:

1. Core Business and how it is relevant to the assignment;
2. Number of years in business, both as a registered business entity and in providing services in the sector(s) that are relevant to this assignment;
3. Management structure, number of directors and total number of staff - fulltime, on contract and as associates (however, Key Personnel and their specific experiences are not evaluated at this stage);
4. Financial performance (e.g. turnover and profitability) in the last five years;
5. Enlist firm's experience. For each similar assignment undertaken by the firm, it is required to state the cost, whether it undertook the job solely, in partnership with other firms (name them and the role of your firm), and name of the client, the duration of the assignment, the number of staff/person-day(s) your firm engaged on the assignment, cost of the assignment (and cost of the project, if available), status of completeness as at time of expression of interest for this assignment, a brief scope of work for the assignment, etc.
6. Firms submitting a joint expression of interest must show information (especially on i to iii above) for each firm separate/distinct from the other(s) as, at this stage, each firm will be

evaluated on its own individual merit based on the information submitted to determine its potential value addition to the partnership.

Interested firms **MUST** request for the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment via email request to resilienturbanslp2019@gmail.com

The Project now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- i) Core business and years in business,
- ii) Relevant experience,
- iii) Technical and managerial capability of the firm

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.

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

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

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

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person)

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When submitting, please indicate *clearly in the sealed envelope* or *email subject* heading ‘**EOI Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) for Proposed Upgrade of the Mile 5 Waste Management Facility in Bo City.**’ for this assignment by **10th February, 2023.**