

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

VANUATU

VANUATU RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT

Loan No. /Credit No. / Grant No.: __TF18003, TF0A4979, TF0A5406

Assignment Title: __PROGRAM MANAGER_____

Reference No. (As per Procurement Plan): __VU-DOE-107978-CS-INDV_____

The Republic of Vanuatu has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Vanuatu Rural Electrification Project I and II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include overall responsibility for implementing the World Bank supported electrification projects in Vanuatu with regards to the overall planning, development and implementation, and to ensure that all activities under the projects are delivered with due attention to economy, efficiency, fairness and transparency, and in compliance with the financing agreement under the guidance and direction of the Director of Energy.

The consultant assignment is for 2 years and commencing in May 2019 with the potential for extension for a further period of 2 years subject to satisfactory performance. He/She shall report directly to the Director of Energy.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

The Department of Energy now invites eligible candidates (“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 selection criteria are:

- i. A degree in engineering or related discipline and at least 10 years’ of relevant post graduate experience in planning, negotiating, managing, implementing and reviewing projects. Experience with projects implemented through development partners will be highly regarded;
- ii. Demonstrated experience in the preparation and implementation of rural electrification projects in developing countries, in particular with the delivery of systems to suit remote rural communities with the involvement of private sector is essential;

- iii. Sound understanding of off grid products such as solar home systems, micro and mini grids, applicable technical standards and safety considerations relevant to such products. Qualifications in the design and certification of off grid systems is highly desirable;
- iv. Demonstrated strong project management experience;
- v. Demonstrated experience in procurement of consulting services and contracts for significant investments, contract negotiations and contract management in accordance with the terms of references and specifications is essential;
- vi. A track record in leadership, management and capacity building, community engagement, stakeholder relationship management with Government, government departments, private sector utilities, and consumers and in public administration is essential;
- vii. Thorough understanding of the electricity industry in small states similar to Vanuatu, especially electricity law and regulation, governance, economics, technical and financial issues; including detailed knowledge of licensing/concessions, dispute resolution, competition issues, safety and reliability standards, tariffs, consumer protection and contract administration is essential;
- viii. Knowledge of policies, planning and budgeting process in countries similar to Vanuatu is essential and knowledge of the World Bank/other development partners' policies and procedures will be highly regarded; and
- ix. Fluency (written and spoken) in English. A working knowledge of Bislama would be an advantage.

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 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the selection of individual consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9.00 am to 4.30 pm.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 12 April 2019.

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