



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & GEOTECHNICAL STUDIES FOR RESILIENT MICRO-GRIDS PROJECTS IN EAST GRAND BAHAMA

Country: The Commonwealth of The Bahamas

Supporting Institution: Inter-American Development Bank

Program: Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas (RRESB)

Sector: Energy

Abstract: Consulting Services for Environmental, Social & Geotechnical Studies for resilient micro-grids projects in East Grand Bahama

Loan/Credit/Grant No.: Loan #4978/OC-BH

Deadline: February 10, 2023

The Ministry of Finance (MOF) of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas (hereinafter referred to as the “Borrower/Beneficiary”) has received a loan No. 4978/OC-BH from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), to finance the cost of the Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) includes:

- (i) Assistance in attaining the Certificate of Environmental Clearance (CEC), by performing the necessary Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Studies and Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) in line with the requirements of The Bahamas Department of Environmental Planning & Protection (DEPP) as well as the environmental and social requirements of the IDB for the East Grand Bahama Hybrid Microgrid Solar Projects.
- (ii) Development of a Geotechnical Assessment that will identify the natural and physical properties of soil, construction concerns and construction materials.

The following five locations have been identified: Freetown, High Rock, McClean’s Town, Sweeting’s Cay and Water Cay with Q1 2023 as the intended date of the engagement of the consultancy.

The Ministry of Finance, via its Project Execution Unit (PEU), 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 by briefly highlighting the following areas:

- Successful completion of similar projects within the last ten (10) years in similar environments;
- Knowledge and experience in Wetland Ecology; Terrestrial Ecology or Botany; and Ornithology;
- Experience and technical knowledge in Environmental, Social, Health and Safety regulatory compliance management systems and environmental risk management.
- Experience and technical knowledge in identifying natural and physical properties of soil, construction and construction materials.

Consultants will be selected using the method of Selection Based on the Consultants’ Qualifications in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: [*Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank*](#) GN-2350-15 and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. For the purpose of establishing the short list, the nationality of a firm is that of the country in which it is legally incorporated or constituted and in the case of Joint Venture, the nationality of the firm appointed to represent it.

Further information can be obtained at the email address below during office hours Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by email to dongray@bahamas.gov.bs on or before **5:00pm on Friday February 10, 2023.**