

SC-Victoria: Servicios de consultoría para la asistencia técnica en la gestión del proyecto de abastecimiento de agua y saneamiento de las Seychelles (BEI)

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Summary:

REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY - PUBLIC UTILITIES CORPORATION

SEYCHELLES WATER & SANITATION PROJECT

International Invitation for Expression of Interest and Pre-qualification for technical assistance to the PMU

The Government of Seychelles (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has received funding from the European Investment Bank – EIB, the European Union – Water Facility, the French Development Agency – AFD and other funding agencies (hereinafter referred to as "the C-Financiers") towards the cost of the Seychelles Water & Sanitation Project; being implemented by the Public Utilities Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "the promoter"), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this funding for payment of the Technical Assistance to the Project Management Unit (PMU). This International Invitation for Expressions of Interest relates to the contract for the Technical Assistance Component described below and seeks to pre-qualify suitably experienced engineering consulting firms to a Shortlist of Tenderers who will be invited to tender.

The Project

The project will consist of:

- i) the renewal and expansion of the water supply systems in the 3 main islands of Seychelles to cover the current and projected water deficits, improve their water and energy efficiency and increase their resilience to climate variation;
- ii) the upgrading of the existing sewerage system in Mahé island, and the creation of new sanitation facilities in the island of La Digue to reduce the risk of contamination of the groundwater sources used for the production of potable water;
- iii) the implementation of water demand and resource management programmes including environmental and natural disaster risk management;
- iv) the capacity building of the promoter through technical assistance and the provision of tools to implement and operate efficiently the water and sanitation facilities.

The Promoter

The promoter, Public Utilities Company (PUC) is in charge of the provision of electricity, water and sanitation services to the whole country.

PUC recently completed a master plan for water supply and one for sanitation. Based on these and with the technical support of EIB staff, PUC has defined an investment programme that mainly aims at the above mentioned project objectives.

PUC will develop the project with an innovative approach focused on water and energy efficiency (contributing to climate change mitigation through significant energy savings in desalination plants and an energy audit of the overall system), adaptation to climate change and natural disasters, and water resources management.

For the implementation of the Seychelles Water & Sanitation Project, estimated at about 55 000 000 EUR, a Project Management Unit (PMU) shall be created and staffed with dedicated professionals. Its main responsibilities will be:

- Plan, coordinate, manage and monitor all activities related to the implementation of the Project.

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- Manage and administrate procurement processes and all consultancy services and works contracts.
 - Prepare and present all reports related to the implementation of the project, both internally within PUC and for donors.
 - Guarantee the implementation of the project within agreed time duration and according to internationally accepted good practices, and all legal, technical, financial and environmental requirements. Manage and administrate in effective, efficient and rational manners all project resources including human resources allocated for fulfilment of the project objectives.
- PUC will contract out all Detailed Designs and Supervision of Works to Consulting Engineers.

The Assignment

This Assignment is concerned with part of the Technical Assistance to the PMU, which is expected to include the following key services:

- Assistance for the procurement, contracting and implementation of the project.
 - Assistance for the planning, management and monitoring of all procurement and contractual activities, including the preparation of ToR, tender documents for consulting services outside the scope of this assignment and evaluation reports.
 - Assistance in the supervision of the performance of the other consulting services.
 - Assistance for the revision and evaluation of reports, plans, designs, specifications and programmes linked with the project, submitted by the recruited Consulting Engineers or other entities.
 - Assistance for the contracting and monitoring of Works Supervision.
 - Assistance for the management of programme implementation.
 - Coaching and training of the PMU on project management, procurement and contractual issues.
- It is expected that the Consulting Firm shall provide one or two long-term advisors and short-term experts as and when required.

Although the most important expert in the team shall be the Team Leader as Long-term Advisor, the Consulting Engineer will establish a focused team of specialists that will provide support on a short-term and as-required basis, both on the field and as backstopping support.

Duration

This contract is expected to be implemented over a period of five years starting during the second half of 2012.

Expression of Interest and Pre-qualification

The invitation for Expression of Interest is open to experienced consulting firms that have wide experience in similar assignments. Interested parties are hereby invited to submit their expressions of interest for pre-qualifications. Further to this invitation a short-list will be established and the short-listed firms will be formally invited to submit proposals. In order to determine the capability and experience of the consulting firms seeking to be short-listed, the information submitted is to include the following:

- Statement of intention to participate in the selection process;
- Company information: name, status, address, telephone number, facsimile number, year of establishment, contract person for the project, turnover for the previous 5 (five) years, number of permanent staff and part-timers, fields of expertise;
- Details of experience in similar assignments undertaken in the previous 10 (ten) years, including contract value and location, number and type of staff involved in the contract, name of the Client, name of partners for contract execution, source of financing, type of services provided, contract commencement and completion dates, brief description of the contract highlighting successful outcome (project completion, transfer of know-how and other);
- Curricula Vitae (short version) of staff who could be available to work on the assignment starting October 2012 highlighting experience concerning similar assignments. Note that only permanent staff of the firm/s will be accepted as team leader and long-term advisor;
- Form of association for the execution of the contract, if the case may be, and the leading company. The same information as for the leading company shall be requested for the associated company/companies.
- A list with ongoing assignments including the start and completion date.
- Experience in ACP countries and experience in other developing countries.
- As part of the application form, candidates must submit a statement to the effect that they are not in any of the exclusion situations listed in Section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide to contract procedures financed from the 9th EDF (available from following Internet address:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/practical_guide/previous_versions/20

[11/index_en.htm](#).

The criteria to be used in the pre-qualification will consider:

- (i) the experience of staff available;
- (ii) the company's experience and successful outcome on similar assignments;
- (iii) the regional experience;
- (iv) company information and general capabilities.

Participation is open on equal terms to all natural and legal persons of the signatory States to the Cotonou Agreement (EU Member States and ACP States). The full list of the signatory States to the Cotonou Agreement is available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/acp/overview/cotonou-agreement/index_en.htm.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 8:00 -13:00 and 14:00 - 15:30 hours during weekdays. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 15:00 hours, 23rd June 2012.

The Tender and Contract language will be English.

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