

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR SELECTION OF A LENDERS' TECHNICAL ADVISER FOR THE MPANDA RUN-OF-RIVER HYDROPOWER PROJECT.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ENERGY FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS (PESR.2)

1. The Energy Financial Solutions Division, African Development Bank hereby invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in the following Assignment: ***Mpanda Run-of-River hydropower project.***
2. The assignment consists of Technical Engineering Advisory services (the “Lenders’ Technical Advisor” or the “LTA”) to advise the Lenders Group on full range of topics with respect to the assignment. The assignment shall include but limited to support the Lenders on due diligence activities to financial close as well as construction supervision, monitoring, testing, commissioning, and the operations for a run-of-the river hydropower project with capacity 10MW located 50 km North of Bujumbura on the Mpanda River in Burundi.
3. The assignment shall include but limited to support the Lenders on due diligence activities up to financial close, the construction phase, including project testing and commissioning phase, and the operational phase until both principal and interest of the debt are fully repaid.
4. The Energy Financial Solutions Division invites Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested eligible Consulting Firms or associations of Consulting Firms shall provide information on their qualifications and experience demonstrating their ability to provide the services.
5. The estimated duration of services is about one year for Phase 1, two years for Phase 2 and sixteen years for Phase 3 broken down as follows:

Phase 1: Due Diligence up to Financial Close (estimated period is 1 year)

The Consultant will provide ongoing support to the Lenders and their other advisors during the technical due diligence and the negotiation of financing documents leading up to signature of the loan agreements and financial close. The LTA will have to conduct a comprehensive review of the technical design, review of construction arrangements, assessment of construction risks, review of the hydrology, financial, contractual, and commercial aspects of the Project.

Phase 2: Construction, Testing and Commissioning (estimated period is 2 years)

Phase 2a – Project Construction. The LTA shall visit the site quarterly during construction. Site visits shall review the Project Company’s construction supervision program and monitor the Project’s construction progress. The LTA shall review the Project Company’s contract management methodologies to determine whether supply and construction contracts are properly coordinated and integrated. The LTA shall issue certificates of progress and

disbursement in accordance with the financing documents; confirm compliance with the on-site environmental, health and safety measures; review recruitment training programs for operators, follow progress of procurements; and monitor transmission line and substation construction.

Phase 2b – Testing and Commissioning. The LTA shall review completion test procedures and results; assess contractor compliance with performance tests and/or payment of penalties as defined in their respective construction or supply contracts and issue an opinion as to conformance; review punch lists for each contract; witness and issue a professional opinion on the performance tests; and issue provisional and final certificates of completion as defined in the financing agreements.

Phase 3: Monitoring of Operation following Completion of Works (16 years)

The LTA shall visit the plant every six months for the first 2 years after commercial operation, on a yearly basis thereafter, and at any time during operations as required by the Lenders to report on Project's operation during the loan term. The LTA shall issue a certificate of compliance with the financing documents' technical covenants, and report to the Lenders on the general operation and condition of the plant with recommendations for improvement, if appropriate.

6. The eligibility criteria, the establishment of a shortlist and the selection procedure shall be in conformity with the Bank's Procurement Policy and Procedure for Corporate Consultants Recruitment.
7. Please, note that interest expressed by a Consulting Firm does not imply any obligation on the part of the Bank to include it in the shortlist.
8. The above-mentioned services are expected to start on **15th August 2024**.
9. Interested Firms may obtain further information at the addresses below during the Bank's working hours: from 09:00 to 17:00 hours (Nairobi time).
10. Expressions of interest must be received at the email addresses below no later than **Wednesday, 10th July 2024 at 17h00 GMT** and specifically mention ***Mpanda Run-of-River Hydropower Project – Lenders Technical Advisor***.
11. The Bank reserves the right to cancel or post-pone this REOI process.

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