



MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERAL DEVELOPMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

COUNTRY	UGANDA
NAME OF THE PROJECT	ELECTRICITY ACCESS SCALE-UP PROJECT (EASP)
PROJECT NUMBER:	P166685
REFERENCE NO:	MEMD/CONS/21-22/00501/ERD
ASSIGNMENT TITLE:	CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESETTLEMENT ACTION PLANS (RAPS) FOR ELECTRICITY ACCESS SCALE-UP PROJECT

The Government of Uganda (GoU) has received funding from the World Bank towards the implementation of the Electricity Access Scale-Up Project (EASP). Part of the funding under the EASP project will be utilised by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD) toward implementing infrastructure and connections under the Grid Expansion and Connectivity Component. MEMD intends to utilize part of the proceeds for **Consultancy services for Preparation and Implementation of the Resettlement Action Plans (RAPS) due to the likely involuntary resettlement during grid expansion, intensification and densification under the Electricity Access Scale-up project (EASP), which will be implemented countrywide including all refugee hosting districts, excluding Kampala.**

The specific objectives of the RAP include;

1. Raising awareness about the project and its impacts (both positive and negative) among affected communities and conduct meaningful engagement with all relevant stakeholders including the Project Affected Persons (PAPs) with opportunities to participate in the design and implementation of the resettlement program.
2. Preparing a social-economic profile of PAPs, to determine the scope and magnitude of social impacts resulting in the permanent or temporary acquisition of land and displacement of people.
3. Documenting vulnerable and marginalized groups affected by the project and map out specific interventions to safeguard them including among others having their numbers registered on their preferred mobile money platforms.
4. Recommending measures to mitigate the negative social impact of project-induced property loss through the provision of appropriate compensation.
5. Establishing the total compensation costs and prepare resettlement strategies including entitlement matrix and implementation arrangements that would mitigate adverse socio-economic impacts and grievances.

Some of the key activities in RAP preparation and implementation will include:

1. Reviewing relevant safeguard documents including among others, the Environment and Social Management Framework (ESMF), Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) and the World Bank Environment and Social Standard 5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement, as guiding documents for the development of the RAPs.
2. Preparing resettlement strategies including entitlement matrix and arrangements for implementation that would mitigate adverse socio-economic impacts and grievances. The matrix will indicate the types of assets eligible for compensation, category of the entitled or affected people/institution in terms of land ownership, and the forms of compensatory actions that will be taken for each type of asset.
3. Preparing a stakeholder management process based on the RAP stakeholder engagement plan and execution of public and PAP consultation meetings to prepare all stakeholders on the RAP implementation commencement, grievance redress mechanism, ensuring the public and PAP's understanding of all procedures and issues pertaining to the RAP implementation.
4. Preparing RAP and respective valuation reports and satisfactorily incorporating all comments from the Client to facilitate approval of the reports.
5. Using the established register of PAPs, undertake verification and disclosure of compensation packages / entitlements (in accordance with the valuation report approved by the Chief Government Valuer) to bonafide PAPs.
6. Preparing due compensation packages for respective PAPs and submit requests for payment to MEMD in batches based on respective schemes.
7. Ensuring that all wayleaves are fully acquired prior to the commencement of construction works.
8. Reviewing and updating the RAP reports (Valuation and socio-economic survey reports and livelihood plans) to ensure PAPs are well recorded and the information indicated in the report is up to date, to facilitate the implementation process and identify areas for discussion with the MEMD.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at www.energyandminerals.go.ug

The consultancy assignment will be executed within a period of four years.

The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD) 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 for the firm's capability and experience are:**

1. A minimum of 10 (ten) years of general experience as a consulting firm in RAP preparation and implementation in infrastructure development projects with demonstrated experience of working on World Bank funded Projects.
2. Specific experience in undertaking at least three (03) assignments in RAP preparation /development and three (03) assignments in RAP implementation executed within the last ten (10) years. (**Attach documentary evidence in form of contracts and or completion certificates, reference letters or the equivalents**).
3. The consultant should have expertise in Property acquisition, Surveying, Valuation RAP Development and Implementation working with communities of different diversities in sub-Saharan Africa.
4. Submit the firm's organogram to demonstrate the firm's technical and managerial capability reflecting the responsibilities of each staff member and line management setup of the proposed team. (Provide only the structure of the Organization, General qualification and number of Key staff in areas of RAP Specialist / Team Leader, Sociologist, Valuer,

Surveyor, Livelihood Specialist, Accountant and Lawyer. (Please do not submit CVs and bio data of experts at this stage).

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, July 2018 and November 2020 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], 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.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' July 2016 revised November 2017, July 2018 and November 2020.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (Monday to Friday, 08:30 – 17:00 hours, except on public holidays).

Expressions of interest (One original plus three copies) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by courier, or by e-mail) by **August 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

The packages must be clearly marked as;

Expression of Interest for Consultancy services for Preparation and Implementation of the Resettlement Action Plans (RAPS) for electricity access scale-up project (EASP).

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