REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

Liberia Renewable Energy Access Project

Consultancy Services for the Implementation of the Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) for the Kaiha 2 River Mini Hydropower Project in Lukambeh District, Lofa County, Liberia

Reference No. RFP NO.: RREA/LCS/001/2022

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The Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA) has *received* Budgetary Allotment from the World Bank towards the cost of the Liberia Renewable Access Project (LIRENAP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for the Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP)

The Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA) intends to assist the project affected persons (PAPs) in an effort to improve their livelihood and standards of living or at least to restore them to pre-project levels or to levels prevailing prior to the beginning of the project. All project affected persons (PAPs) in the Kaiha 2 River Mini Hydropower Project are eligible to participate in the Livelihood Restoration Program (LRP). The duration of the Livelihood Restoration Plan is seven (7) weeks. Each PAP is entitled to choose one option. There are four (4) options. Please see the options below as the objectives:

The main objectives of the LRP are:

- 1. The provision of seed rice for distribution to the PAPs;
- 2. The provision of cocoa seed for distribution to the PAPs;
- 3. Distribution of farming tools to PAPs;
- 4. Conduct a finance management training for small-scale businesses for the PAPs

Scope of Work

The Procurement Department of the Rural and Renewable Energy Agency will do the procurement of the rice seeds, cocoa seeds and the farming tools that will be distributed by the Consultant. The Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA) will purchase all materials that will be needed in conducting the finance management training for the small-scale businesses for the PAPs.

The Consultant is strongly encouraged to advice the RREA in the purchasing of these items (rice seeds, cocoa seeds, farming tools and materials for training) to be distributed to the PAPs by the Consultant.

Collection of Data and the Content of the Livelihood Restoration Plan's training program.

The Livelihood Restoration Plan Consultant shall gather relevant information, study the availability of these items (rice seeds, cocoa seeds, farming tools) and inform the Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA). The Consultant shall submit the training Manual to the RREA for review and approval. If there is a need to rent a hall for the training, the Consultant shall inform the Procurement Department for proper action.

The RREA 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 selection criteria are:

- Team Leader- shall have at least five (5) years of experience in implementing livelihood restoration plan. (Implementing livelihood restoration plan in World Bank funded project is an added advantage);
- Second Expert-shall be a financial management expert preferably a local consultant with experience in working in rural Liberia. Expert must have at least five (5) years of experience in conducting financial management training for small-scale businesses for rural population;
- Possession of adequate and proven experience in implementing livelihood restoration plan for small hydropower projects, social studies and RAP, including in particular indigenous people, involuntary resettlement and livelihood restoration planning;
- Possession of adequate, qualified and experience key personnel and logistic resources to carry out the assignment; and
- Knowledge of Liberia or at least sub-Saharan Africa, and a appropriate language skill mix within the team to carry out the distribution of rice seeds, cocoa seeds, farming tools and the conduction of finance management training for small-scale businesses for project affected persons (PAPs) in Lofa County.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested individual Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016, revised November 2017, and August 2018 and November 2020, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. Please refer to paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations on conflict of interest related to this assignment which is available on the Bank's website at http://projectsbeta.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/brief/

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Least Cost Selection (LCS) method set out in the Consultants Guidelines.

Further information and the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained electronically at the following email addresses and Website, from Monday to Friday, from 0900 to 1600 hours GMT:

Email: info@rrealiberia.org Website: www.rrealiberia.org

Expression of Interest; clearly marked Consultancy Services for the Livelihood Restoration Plan for The Kahai2 River Mini Hydropower Project in Lukambeh District Lofa County, must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in hard and or electronic/email copy) on or before 4:00 p.m. Local Time, on February 23, 2022. Only shortlisted firms will be contacted. A more details of tasks to be performed can be found within the term of reference and can be requested by the address below.

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