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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR ELECTRIFICATION IN LIBERIA (REEL)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES- Consultancy Services for the Implementation of a Livelihood Restoration Plan RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR ELECTRIFICATION IN LIBERIA (REEL) PROJECT

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1. BACKGROUND

The Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA), with funding from the African Development Bank (AfDB), is implementing the Renewable Energy for Electrification in Liberia (REEL) Project. As part of the project's environmental and social safeguards compliance, an approved Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) titled "Livelihood Restoration Plan Report for the REEL Project – Conditionally Cleared Version" (June 2025) has been developed to support Project-Affected Persons (PAPs) who have experienced economic displacement.

The LRP aims to restore and improve the livelihoods of 247 PAPs. Distribution of Cash Crop Seedlings, Farming Tools Distribution, Agricultural Training, Financial Management Training, Business Management and Financial Training through business management capacity building, distribution of tailored livelihood startup kits, and post-intervention monitoring. The PAPs are primarily composed of women and men from Nimba County who selected agriculture and small business enhancement. RREA seeks to engage a qualified NGO or Community-Based Organization (CBO) to implement this LRP under AfDB's 2023 Integrated Safeguards System (ISS), national legal frameworks, and the approved LRP report.

2. Objectives

The overall objective is to fully implement the approved Livelihood Restoration Plan for the REEL Project, ensure the livelihood of Project Affected Persons (PAPs) is sustainably restored, improve the standard of living, and restore their livelihood to their pre-project situation. Provide special assistance for the vulnerable and poor affected by the project. Ensure that activities are planned and implemented with appropriate disclosure of information, meaningful consultation, and informed participation of affected persons, as well as ensuring that affected individuals receive targeted support, appropriate inputs, and training, leading to sustainable income-generating opportunities. The tasks to be performed by the Consultant shall include but not be limited to the following:

- A. To ensure that the LRP is implemented under the REEL project according to the Project Appraisal Report and in conformity with all standing agreement between the AfDB and GoL.
- B. To protect and secure the interest of the REEL and to advise the RREA on all issues pertaining to the successful execution of the LRP.
- C. To provide strategic leadership for the successful implementation of the LRP.

2.2.1 Provision of Technical Services

2.2.1.1. General Administration and Management

In support of RREA/REEL, the Consultant shall ensure that all activities and processes related to the project implementation are carried out in accordance with technical and quality standards and specifications adopted for the execution of the plan. Activities of the Consultant shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- I. Coordinate activities with REEL PIU and the RREA as well as other activities related to the successful implementation of the LRP by the consultant.
- II. Establish a Project Management and Control System (PMCS) to plan, monitor and report the physical, social, environmental and financial progress of the LRP implementation in accordance with the Bank's Standards.

3. Scope of Services

The scope of the services includes:

3.1.1. Review and Validation

- Review the validated LRP, baseline socio-economic data, and PAP profiles.
- Validate existing livelihood data
- Identify any gaps in the LRP and propose corrective actions in collaboration with the client.

3.1.2. Livelihood Restoration Activities

Implement a package of activities as per the LRP and best practice. This intends to restore the livelihoods of 247 PAPs, which may include:

- **Agricultural support:** Training, inputs (seeds, tools), irrigation support, etc.
- **Livestock support:** Veterinary services, animal husbandry training, small livestock distribution where applicable.
- **Skills development and vocational training:** Based on market assessments and PAP profiles.
- **Microenterprise support:** Business training, startup capital, market linkages.
- **Support to vulnerable groups:** Tailored interventions for women, elderly, disabled persons, female-headed households, etc.

3.1.3. Capacity Building

- Build the capacity of PAPs through training, technical support, and mentoring.
- Strengthen local institutions and community-based organizations for sustainability.
- Deliver practical training based on the restoration options selected by PAPs (Financial Management Training), provide sessions on financial literacy, and small business management.

3.1.4. Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

- Develop and implement an M&E system to track outputs, outcomes, and impacts.
- Conduct baseline, midterm, and end-line assessments of livelihood outcomes.
- Strengthen existing grievance redress mechanisms and ensure accessibility for PAPs.

The Rural and Renewable Energy Agency now invites eligible Consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the above services. Interested firms should provide information demonstrating that they have requisite qualifications and relevant working experience to perform the required services.

4. Qualifications and Experience of the Firm

The consultant/firm shall be a registered Non-Governmental Organization or Community Base Organization with 10 year of experience in sustainable development, implementing Resettlement Action Plan, agricultural activities, and Livelihood Restoration for development projects and should provide a multidisciplinary team with expertise in:

- A firm must have successfully completed Livelihood Restoration activities within the last 5 years.
- Livelihoods and rural development
- Proven experience in implementing donor-funded LRP or similar social interventions in Liberia.
- Experience working with vulnerable groups (women, low-income families, disabled persons).
- Agriculture, livestock, and small enterprise development
- Have staff who are fluent in the local language (Gio and Mano).
- Vocational training and employment facilitation
- Adequate human resources and logistics to deploy across REEL project sites
- Gender and social inclusion
- Monitoring and evaluation

In case of JV or association, equal weighting will be used for the lead firm and for partners or associates.

The Eligibility criteria for the establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "*Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations*", dated October 2015 which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Furthermore, the Borrower is under no obligation to shortlist any consultant who expresses interest.

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

A Consultant/firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification Selection (CQS) method.

Further information and the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained electronically at the following email addresses and Website listed below from Mondays to Fridays, from 0900 to 1700 hours GMT:

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in hard copy or e-mail to the address below on or before **September 15, 2025, at 1600hrs** local time and mention "Consultancy Services for the Implementation of a Livelihood Restoration Plan Renewable Energy for Electrification in Liberia (REEL) Project.

Only Shortlisted Consultants will be contacted.

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