



**Republic of Liberia
Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA)**



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Consultancy Services for the
Implementation of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Livelihood Restoration
Plan (LRP) post completion audit for the Kaiha 2 River Mini Hydropower Project
in Lukambah District, Lofa County, Liberia**

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

Liberia Renewable Energy Access Project

Contract Reference No: LR-RREA-405682-CQS

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Deadline: April 8, 2024

1. The Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA) has secured funding from the World Bank, through the Government of Liberia, toward the implementation of the Liberia Renewable Energy Access Project (LIRENAP). As the leading Agency, RREA intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit toward payment under the contract for the Consultancy Services for the Implementation of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) post completion audit for the Kaiha 2 River Mini Hydropower Project in Lukambah District, Lofa County, Liberia.

The project area is located in the north-eastern part of Lofa County. It spans five districts. They are Voinjama, Kolahun Wahasse, Lukambah and Foya Districts. The economy of the project affected area is largely agricultural oriented. Income generating opportunities for improving livelihood are mostly limited to farming. Semi-skilled labor such as making palm oil, fishing, hunting and petit trading in basic household goods and food are practiced by the PAPs and members of the communities.

The Project consists of three components, and its first component (Component I) comprises five supporting components or sub-components:

- a) Construction of the 2.5 MW mini-hydropower plant on the Kaiha 2 River and its sub-components.
- b) Construction of an access road to the hydro-power plant site (5.5km).
- c) Upgrade of existing 35 km road.
- d) Construction of a diesel power plant, and
- e) Construction of 115 Km distribution lines for the distribution of electricity to the major receptor villages, towns, and cities.

2. Status of Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) Implementation Relevant to the assignment:

In fulfillment of the Project Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), the Environmental Management and Protection Law of Liberia, and the Bank's Operational Policies OP 4.12 on involuntary resettlement, RREA has developed and implemented a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP); both of which aims were to provide livelihood restoration options and improve the living standards of the 146 Project Affected Persons to at least to pre-project levels.

The RAP was implemented to the PAPs through cash disbursement, emphasis for eligibility for compensation was centered on affected farmers and vulnerable head of households who are directly affected by the implementation of the Kaiha 2 River Hydropower project. In total, 184 PAPs (146 and 38 -FRAP and ARAP respectively), have been identified as eligible PAPs who owned properties and will be economically displaced as a result of the project intervention, and have received their RAP compensation benefits consistent will applicable national Laws and relevant World Bank policy.

Specific qualifications and experiences of the interested firms are outlined below:

A. Environmental Specialist (Key Specialist)

- Preferably a minimum of 7 (seven) years relevant professional experience particularly in environmental management of infrastructure projects,
- Demonstrated experience in environmental impact assessments and development of risk management instruments, especially addressing impacts on civil works projects; and
- Experience in conducting similar audit and must be an accredited/licensed by the Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia for conducting ESIA, RAP & LRP studies.
- Minimum of 6 years of experience in the preparation of environmental audit, Environmental and Social Impacts Assessment (ESIA), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), Environmental Health and Safety Management Plan (EHSMP), and with appropriate and sufficient capabilities, resources (computer and office space), and experience to execute the full extent of the scope of services to a very high quality.
- Field experience and good knowledge of the implementation of World Bank's safeguards policies (or that of other international financial institutions), including the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) is desirable.
- Must be a certified EPA's environmental evaluator and must posse an Environmental license recognized and approved by the EPA.

- 3. The RREA now invites eligible Firms to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.).**

The attention of interested Consulting Firms 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/procurement-newframework> .

A Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

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

Email: info@rrealiberia.org, augustinem@rrealiberia.org, tenniej@rrealiberia.org
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Expression of Interest clearly marked **Implementation of the Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP) post completion audit for the Liberia Renewable Energy Access project**, must be delivered in a written form (in hard or electronic/mail copy) to the address below, on or before **4:00 p.m.** Local Time, on **April 8, 2024**.

Attn: Procurement Department
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Only the highest ranked firm will be issued the Request for Proposals.