



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

COUNTRY: Southern African Power Pool region

NAME OF PROJECT: Southern African Power Pool Program for Accelerating Transformational Energy

Projects Grant No.: H9890

Assignment Title: External Audit Service - Financial and Systems

Mandated by member states Power Utilities, the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) was established on the 8th of December 1995 to organise and co-ordinate the planning and development of the electricity inter-connections between members' respective networks and to expand the Interconnected Power System and electricity trading in the region.

The World Bank is preparing a Program with the Southern Africa Power Pool (SAPP) to help accelerate preparation of priority regional power generation and transmission projects in the region of the Southern African Power Pool. The Program Development Objective is "to facilitate the preparation of priority regional energy projects in the Southern African Power Pool region".

Objectives of consultancy assignment

The objective of the audit of the Project Financial Statements (PFSs) is to enable the auditor to express a professional opinion(s) on the financial position of the project at the end of each fiscal year, and on funds received and expenditures incurred for the relevant accounting period.

The project books of accounts provide the basis for preparation of the PFSs by the project implementing agency and are established to reflect the financial transactions in respect of the project. The implementing agency maintains adequate internal controls and supporting documentation for transactions.

Required Qualifications and Experience

The Consultant must be a qualified, internationally recognized firm with at least 10 years of experience in the professional practice of external audit and have a proven track record of executing audits of a similar nature and size, experience in auditing donor funded projects will be advantageous. The Consultant needs to demonstrate their experience by providing at least 5 similar auditing assignments executed/under execution by the firm, including at least 2 assignments within the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. The firm should be registered with a recognized audit board.

The SAPP 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 are:

- Number of years in business with relevant external Audit experience;
- Proof of registration with a recognized audit board;
- Composition of audit team and CVs of the audit team;
- Verifiable previous external audit experiences of a similar size and nature; and
- List of relevant assignments in the SADC region.

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 QCBS method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from Monday to Friday [08:00 to 16:30 hours].

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 28 February 2017, 2017 at 15:00 hours Central African time and mention " **Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for the External Audit Service - Financial and Systems** “

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