



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: Internal Audit Service - Financial and Systems

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

Internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organisation’s operations. It helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.

The Internal Audit Service is required to give assurance to the World Bank and the Coordination Centre Manager, through the Finance Working Group, on the arrangements for risk management, control and governance, and value for money. The service also assists management by evaluating and reporting to them on the effectiveness of these arrangements. It remains the duty of management, not the internal auditor, to implement these arrangements.

The overall objectives of the internal audit are to:

- a) Enable the internal auditor express professional opinion on the effectiveness of the overall set up of financial management and procurement arrangements of the Program;
- b) Review the operations of the entire financial management arrangements to determine their adequacy and effectiveness as well as adherence to the internal controls;
- c) Provide Program management with timely audit observations on financial management and related issues of the Program to enable appropriate follow up action;

To this end, internal audit furnishes management with analyses, appraisals, recommendations, counsel and information regarding the activities reviewed.

Required Qualifications and Experience

The Consultant shall be a qualified, internationally recognized firm with at least 10 years of experience in the professional practice of internal audit and a proven track record of specific experience of internal audit. This shall involve at least 3 similar assignments executed/under execution by the firm, including at least 1 regional similar assignment. The team should have at least one certified audit professional (CA, CIA, CISA) who possesses current knowledge of the standards.

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:

- Years in business with relevant Internal Audit experience,
- Number of qualified staff,
- Number of relevant assignments,
- Number of relevant assignments in the 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 21 February, 2017 at 15:00 hours Central African time and mention " **Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for the Internal Audit Service - Financial and Systems** “

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