REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (Long Version)

Country: Lebanon  
Project Id: P147854  
Project Name: Lake Qaraoun Pollution Prevention  
Loan Info.: IBRD 8637

Assignment Title: Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment Study for the National Integrated Solid Waste Strategy

Reference No. : QC3C1c

The Government of Lebanon has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) toward the cost of the Lake Qaraoun Pollution Prevention Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the cost of the consulting services.

The project includes, among other things, Consultancy Services for Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment Study for the National Integrated Solid Waste Strategy.

The objectives of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) Study are:

a) To assess the legal, legislative and institutional framework and capacity in relation to the National Integrated Solid Waste Management Strategy (NISWMS).
b) To identify the positive and negative social and environmental impacts and the risks associated with the NISWMS.
c) To determine the key environmental and social constraints that should be taken into consideration during the development and implementation of the NISWMS.
d) To ensure that the National Strategy meets solid waste sector’s growth and development targets with the least environmental and social impacts.
e) To provide adequate environmental, health and social baseline information relevant to the strategy for the purpose of supporting the development of government related policy and plans.
f) To identify the economic, environmental and social opportunities associated with the NISWMS implementation and propose a set of actionable recommendations to enhance environmental sustainability and social equity.
g) To provide recommendations for optimizing the strategy and ensuring that environmental, social, and economic concerns are accounted for and incorporated within the proposed strategy.
h) To present opportunities for practical application of the SESA in Lebanon.
i) To present applicability of methodological and procedural SEA approach outlined in the SEA decree (8213/2012) Lebanon.

The implementation period is estimated to be 10 months.
The Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) acting as executing agency on behalf of the Government of Lebanon 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 (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.), in a responsive way to the below noted requirements.

Interested Consultants shall be a consultancy firm or a Joint Venture (JV). The Consultant shall be officially registered in Lebanon and classified by CDR among the eligible companies for conducting Environmental and Social Studies (if the Consultant is a Joint Venture, at least one of the consultancy firms forming the JV shall be registered in Lebanon and classified by CDR among the eligible companies for conducting Environmental and Social Studies). The Consultant shall have a minimum experience of 10 years in Environmental and Social studies and 5 years in solid waste projects.

Interested Consultants shall present at least 3 attestations of 3 different projects confirming that the company has conducted fully to the satisfaction of the client solid waste studies. The bidder shall present at least 1 attestation in a SESA study related to waste management sector with a minimum capacity of 3500 T/d.

Interested consultants are requested to provide the following information, in a binder, and in the same order as listed below:

- A duly completed Cover Letter stating the interest of the applicant in providing the mentioned services.
- A **CONCISE** presentation of the firm(s) (brochures, statements of type, property and key tasks etc...).
- Certified statement of financial capacity, for the lead and associated partners (turnovers and balance sheets of the last three years).
- List of **ONLY** relevant similar projects, ongoing and/or completed within the **LAST 10 YEARS**, indicating the provided services, the percentage of participation in JV (if any), and the size of relevant contracts (in USD and/or in man-month).
- Detailed descriptions of at least three (3) handled similar projects **WITHIN THE LAST TEN (10) YEARS ONLY**, with attestations showing that the company has conducted, fully to the satisfaction of the client, solid waste studies.
- One (1) attestation for a SESA study related to waste management sector with a minimum capacity of 3500 T/d.
- List of available professional key personnel for the envisaged consultancy services (Team Leader, Environmental Specialist, Social Specialist, Solid Waste Expert, etc...)
- Overall firm's employees list and personnel availability and structure (list, number, organization structure, etc... of the core, backstopping and supporting staff).
- Experience in Lebanon and the Middle East.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's **Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers** dated January 2011 (revised July 2014) ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
Consultants may associate with another firm in the form of a "Joint Venture" (JV) to enhance their qualifications, name and nationality of the partner in charge shall be specified. The total number of firms in a JV should be maximum two (2). All members (maximum two) should have well defined inputs to the assignment, and shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire consultant's obligations under the contract.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Base Selection method set out in the Guidelines. Eligible firms, which have submitted the necessary statements in a satisfactory responsive way, will be short listed. The short listing process will be based on the following criteria:

1. Eligibility of the Applicant.
2. General experience in consultancy services.
4. Availability of Appropriate Skills among staff.
5. Experience in the Region & Country.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (from 08:00 to 16:00 Beirut local Time).

Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by postal mail) not later than 12:00 noon, Beirut local time on Friday April 24th, 2020. mentioning as reference:

"Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment Study for the National Integrated Solid Waste Strategy"

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