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

COUNTRY: Southern African Development Community region
NAME OF PROJECT: Southern African Power Pool Program for Accelerating Transformational Energy Projects Grant No.: TF-A4772
Assignment Title: Design and facilitation of the Integrated Resource Planning Training for Decision Makers training.

The World Bank is preparing a Program with the Southern Africa Power Pool Coordination Centre (SAPP CC) to help accelerate preparation of priority regional power generation and transmission projects in the region of the Southern African Power Pool – the SAPP Program for Accelerating Regional Energy/Transformational Projects (SAPP-AREP). The Program Development Objective is “to facilitate the preparation of priority regional energy projects in the Southern African Power Pool region”. The SAPP CC is cooperating with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE) in implementing a portion of the SAPP-AREP that relates to SACREEE. As part of this initiative, the SACREEE Secretariat through SAPP CC intends to procure the services of a Consulting firm to design and facilitate training for the Integrated Resource Planning Training for Decision Makers.

Objectives of consultancy assignment
The objective of this assignment is to create and deliver a five-day training program that exposes decision-makers in the energy sector of the SADC region to the importance and key facets of an integrated resource planning (IRP) process in the electricity sector especially in the context of the evolving renewable energy and energy storage technologies, energy efficiency, distributed energy resources, climate change impacts, goals for universal electricity access, climate change mitigation, and the potential for private sector investments.

The target group of this project includes senior officials involved in power sector planning (ministries/departments responsible for energy), energy regulatory bodies, power utilities, and research institutions of SADC Member States. The training should be relevant to a policymaker leading a national IRP development NOT an IRP modelling practitioner. The training materials developed should allow participants to train other national stakeholders.

On completion of the training, participants should be able to describe an IRP process that would be suitable for their national context, generate a Terms of Reference for an IRP modelling assignment, and be prepared to lead their national IRP development (both new and updates).
Scope of work
Under the supervision of the Executive Director of SACREEE, the Consulting Firm shall undertake tasks as outlined below:

1. Review the current electricity planning process in each SADC Member State at a high-level.
2. Detail the essential elements of a high-quality IRP and IRP process from the perspective of a policymaker.
3. Design and deliver a five-day IRP Development training course.
4. Design and deliver a webinar.
5. Develop an IRP Development Manual for future use by SADC Member States.

Required Qualifications and Experience
The Consultant shall be a qualified, internationally recognized firm with 10 years specific experience. The Consultant shall have experience in similar work. The firm should be able to field a team, covering at a minimum the lead expert and a technical specialist.

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 experience
- Availability of qualified and experienced Team members
- Evidence of having executed relevant projects in terms of similar size / volume and complexity

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 QBS method set out in the Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from Monday to Friday [09:00 to 16:00 hours].

Expressions of interest must be emailed to the email below, on or before 15 July 2020 at 15:00 hours Central African time and mention "Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services for the design and facilitation of the Integrated Resource Planning Training for Decision Makers training."

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