

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

Infrastructure Development Bank of Zimbabwe

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Project Name: Feasibility Study and detailed Environment and Social Impact Assessment ("ESIA") for the Improvement and Expansion of Water Supply and Sewerage Services to Chiredzi Town Council ("CTC")

- a) The Infrastructure Development Bank of Zimbabwe ("IDBZ/the Bank") intend to undertake the detailed feasibility study and the detailed Environment and Social Impact Assessment ("ESIA") for the Improvement and Expansion of Water Supply and Sewerage Services ("the Project") to Chiredzi Town Council ("CTC") to meet both the present and future demands for water supply and sewerage services.
- b) The project comprises a water supply & sanitation project, which shall be located in CTC. Chiredzi Town is located in the South Eastern part of the country in Masvingo Province, lying 203km from Masvingo town, the provincial capital.
- c) To meet the requirements of the National and UN Sustainable Development Goals for water and sewerage coverage for Chiredzi Town, two separate studies have to be prepared namely (i) A full Feasibility Study for the water supply and wastewater system, and (ii) Detailed ESIA including include gender analytical frameworks and mainstreaming. The detailed ESIA will include a detailed Environmental and Social Management Plan ("ESMP")
- (i) The Consultant shall analyze the technical, legal, financial, economic, environmental, and regulatory aspects of the Project. In undertaking the assignment, the Consultants shall also review all existing reports, studies and documentation regarding CTC. The work shall include but not limited to Assessment of the Demand, Water System, Sewerage System, the Consumption Records, Investment Plan, Legal Framework, Financial Performance, Economic and Financial Analysis, Climate Change, Cost analysis and Capacity Building.
- (ii) Additionally, the Consultant shall conduct an Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) study, including an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) as required in terms of the Environmental Management Act (Chapter 20:27) as read with Statutory Instrument 7 of 2007 (EIA and Ecosystems Protection Regulations) and in line with international best practices. The ESIA will include a gender impact assessment as part of the study.
- d) The IDBZ now invites eligible National, Regional and International Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the consultancy services for the detailed feasibility study which will include the technical analysis to ascertain technical viability, financial analysis, economic analysis, legal analysis, capacity building/institutional arrangements, cost estimates and detailed ESIA and ESMP. Interested Consulting Firms/consortia must provide information demonstrating that they are qualified to undertake this assignment individually or as a consortium i.e. provide Company profiles, Company registration documents, Curriculum Vitae, brochures, description of similar assignments; experience under similar environment or conditions; availability of appropriate skills/ experience among staff, etc. Prospective Consulting Firms may constitute joint-ventures where necessary to enhance their capacity to undertake the assignment.
- e) The main objectives of the ESIA will include, but not limited to conducting an environmental and social impact assessment study for the proposed project on the improvement and expansion of water supply and sewerage services to Chiredzi Town Council. This is required for the project to be implemented in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner, and in full compliance with both the Zimbabwe legal and regulatory requirements as well as international best practise standards applicable to water and sanitation projects.
- f) Selection of Consulting Firms shall be through Quality-and-Cost Based selection (QCBS) method.
- g) Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Act [Chapter 22:23] as read with the Public Procurement and Disposal of Public Assets Regulations SI 5 of 2018 as well as the IDBZ "Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants" downloadable from the IDBZ website, www.idbz.co.zw.
- h) Firms and Key Personnel must clearly state their years of experience in each relevant fields of expertise. Further, the criteria for shortlisting shall include, but not limited to the following:
 - i. Added advantage for Lead Firms with at least 20 years of relevant experience
 - experience in urban water engineering, planning and management. Specific experience with water supply and sanitation planning, surface water sourcing, water conservation and demand management in Africa is required, including design of water supply and sanitation system components;
 - experience working locally, regionally and internationally;
 - combinations of international and local consultants in the team is encouraged;
 - ESIA and ESMP for similar assignments; and
 - exposure to gender analytical frameworks and mainstreaming.
 - ii. All key staff must be able to demonstrate that they are fluent in English.
 - Team leader shall be an expert (preferably a civil engineer or hydrologist) having Masters' degree and at least 15 years of experience in managing international projects in water supply and sanitation sector infrastructure development. He/she shall have at least 10 years of experience with implementing feasibility studies in the field of water supply and/or sanitation. He/she shall have a proven track record in drafting feasibility reports in English and shall have working experience in Africa;
 - Added advantage for key personnel with at least 15 years of experience of which 10 years should be in the design consulting in water supply, sanitation, or other urban infrastructure;
 - Familiar with current best practices in water supply and sanitation (e.g., septage/sewerage) designs. relevant experience in demand assessment and preparation of a comprehensive investment program
 - Conduct of Feasibility Study for Water and Sanitation Projects
 - Availability of Backstopping staff
 - There will be added advantage for following key staff with at least 15 years' experience, of which 10 years will be in similar/relevant experience: Team leader; Senior Civil Engineer/Designer; Electro-Mechanical Engineer; Water Treatment Specialist and Financial Specialist
 - There will be added advantage for Legal Counsel with at least Seven (7) years' experience in water and sanitation structuring
 - The Social Development/ Gender Specialist Expert with at least 10 years of progressively senior experience in the socio-economic planning of major infrastructure projects, particularly WASH projects will have added advantage
 - The key personnel proposed for the ESIA and ESMP should be strong in identification, planning and management of environmental impacts as well as socio-economic analysis.
 - iii. Availability of backstopping staff in addition to key experts provided below will be added advantage.
- i) The assignment is expected to span over a period of six (6) months.

Expressions of Interest must be delivered to the address below on or before 16 October 2018 by 15:00hrs and clearly labelled as follows: **"EOI - Feasibility Study and detailed ESIA for Chiredzi Town Council: IDBZ/IPDR1/CHIREDDZI-WATER-SEWER/16102018"**.



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