

ESWATINI ELECTRICITY COMPANY



Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

Consultancy Services

**To carry out the Environment and Social Impact
Assessment (ESIA) for the proposed
Network Reinforcement and Access Project**

Project ID no: P166170

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(Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini)

Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the 132kV Nhlangano II - Lavumisa Overhead Transmission Line and Associated Substations

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Country: Kingdom of Eswatini
Name of Project: Network Reinforcement and Access Project
Sector: Energy Sector
Project ID No.: P166170
Assignment Title: Consulting Services for conducting an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the Nhlangano II-Lavumisa 132kV Transmission Lines and substations

- i. The Government of Eswatini intends to apply for a loan from the World Bank's International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to finance the Network Reinforcement and Access Project (P166170) and intends to apply part of the proceed for the Consulting Services for conducting an Environment and Social Impact Assessment for the identified transmission line and substations as specified in paragraph 2 through consultants in a lump sum mode.
- ii. The EEC now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested and eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to provide the consulting services for conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) for the following identified Transmission Line and concomitant substations;
 - (a) 132kV A/C Nhlangano II — Hluthi Transmission Line (about 50 km long) with 20MVA 132/11kV substation expansion at Hluthi.
 - (b) 132kV A/C Hluthi — Matsanjani transmission line (about 23 km long) with new green field 20MVA 132/11kV substation at Matsanjani.
 - (c) 132kV A/C Matsanjani — Lavumisa transmission line (about 24 km long) with new green field 20MVA 132/11kV substation at Lavumisa.
- iii. The principal activities for the preparing the ESIA are detailed in the Terms of Reference found in Appendix A.
- iv. The Consulting firm/s must have at least ten (10) years of experience in conducting ESIA's in the electricity industry. As a minimum, the consultant must have completed 5 consulting

job/contracts of ESIA's for 132kV (and/or above) transmission lines and associated substations outside and within the SADC region. In order to substantiate the aforementioned consulting jobs/contracts, the consultant shall submit either an approval letter from the Environment Authority or Terms of Reference from the client depicting main scope of the contract.

- v. Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform all the services. The following documents shall also be submitted along with the EOI applications by all the consulting firms including each member of JV firms:
 - Copies of certificate of incorporations/registrations of the consulting firms
 - Audited Financial statement of last five (5) years should be submitted
 - Corporate profile of the firm with quality assurance, environmental management, and health and safety management plans, Experience on ESIA's, Information on organizational strength (Organization structure, number of permanent professional staffs and their expertise, qualifications and number of total staffs).
 - Consultants that have completed similar assignments for the World Bank and other Multilateral Development Banks shall be given preference in the selection.
- vi. Consultants may associate with other consultants in the form of joint venture to enhance their qualifications. Experience and qualifications of parent or subsidiary of the firm will not be considered for evaluation.
- vii. All submittal from the consulting firms shall be in English language.
- viii. The Consultant(s) will be selected and engaged in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based (QCBS) selection method as per the Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated July 2016, revised in November 2017 and August 2018
- ix. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14 to 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated July 2016 and revised in November 2017 and August 2018 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- x. EOI will be assessed based on the Consultant's qualification and experience and organization strength of consulting firm. Based on evaluation of EOI, only shortlisted firms will be invited to submit technical and financial proposal through a request for proposal (RFP).
- xi. Interested eligible consultant may obtain further information by sending email to the address below. This REOI notice and Draft TOR can be downloaded from Eswatini Electricity Company website www.eec.co.sz and the Eswatini Public Procurement Regulatory Agency www.sppra.co.sz.
- xii. Expression of interest must be delivered in written form by e-mail to the address below no later than **12.00 hrs CAT on 27th September, 2019**

- xiii. EEC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOI applications with or without giving any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s). EEC will not be responsible for any cost of expenses incurred by the firms in connection with the preparation or delivery of the EOI.

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