



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

ENERGY RESILIENCE FOR CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROJECT

CONSULTANCY

Technical Assistance for the Preparation of an Emergency Response Study

OVERVIEW

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Energy Resilience for Climate Adaptation Project (ERCAP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The ERCAP will support BEL in strengthening the resilience of its critical infrastructure to natural hazards and the anticipated impacts of climate variability through targeted retrofitting, pilot testing, and rehabilitation and reconstruction activities. The investments financed by the ERCAP have been informed by an extensive project identification and prioritization process, one primary output of which would be a comprehensive climate resilience operations plan, with support from the World Bank.

The objective of this assignment ("the Services") is to assist BEL to develop a comprehensive storm emergency preparedness and recovery/restoration plan for BEL, and the necessary institutional procedures and protocols for its effective implementation. This is to ensure that the utility is able to recover from any physically damaging incident with minimal time and losses. The plan has to be implemented in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner and be in full compliance with Belize's and the World Bank's environmental and social policies and regulations. The specific objectives are: (i) to assess the limitations and capacities of BEL personnel and physical inventory, whether positive or negative, and propose mitigation measures which will effectively address the response time; (ii) identify different alternatives and their potential impacts and relevant mitigation measures; and (iii) to establish clear directives and methodologies for the effective implementation of the plan. The indicative implementation period for the Services is **April 2017 – August 2018**.

BEL 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: (i) technical competence (information on similar projects previously completed and level of comparable responsibility/experience); (ii) qualifications and experience (professional qualifications of staff and experience on similar assignments); (iii) country of registration; iv) local and regional experience on similar assignments, financial capability and existing commitments; v) details on company organization and staffing, including availability of appropriate skills among key staff and other resources; and vi) type of association – whether joint venture or if sub-consultant will be employed. All information must be submitted in English.

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 & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 (revised July 2014)** ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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 Selection Based on Consultant's Qualifications (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below.

One (1) original and two (2) hard copies of Expressions of Interest must be delivered **by 4:00 p.m. on May 3, 2017** local time to:

Energy Resilience for Climate Adaptation Project

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The sealed envelope containing the Expression of Interest must include the name and address of the applicant and should be clearly marked: "**Expressions of Interest: Consultancy Services – Technical Assistance for the Preparation of an Emergency Response Study/Implementation Plan**".