



## **The Republic of South Sudan, Republic of Uganda and the Nile Basin Initiative**

### **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)**

#### **Consulting Firm for Project Supervision and Management**

**Sector:** Energy/ Power

**Project ID No.: P-Z1-FA0-192 and P-Z1-FA0-194**

The Government of the Republic of Uganda has received a loan from the African Development Fund and the Government of the Republic of South Sudan has received grants from the African Development Fund and the European Union toward the cost of the *South Sudan - Uganda Power Interconnection Project (SUPIP)* and intend to apply part of the proceeds of the financing to payments under the contract for “Consultancy services for Project Supervision and Management”.

The project includes:

- (i) Construction of 300.5 km of 400 kV double circuit transmission lines comprising of: 149 km from Gumbo in Juba (South Sudan) to Uganda border, and 151.5 km from the South Sudan border to the existing Olwiyo substation in Uganda via the new Bibia substation.
- (ii) Construction of a new 400/132/33 kV substation at Nesitu, Gumbo area (South Sudan), new 400/132/33 kV substation at Bibia (Uganda), extension of 400 kV Karuma substation (Uganda) and uprating of Olwiyo substation (Uganda) from 132/33 kV to 400/132/33 kV.
- (iii) Construction of 100 km of 33 kV lines and 400 km of low voltage reticulations in Nimule (South Sudan) and last mile connection of 1,000 new connections (South Sudan) and extension of 33 kV distribution lines in Juba to the new Gumbo 400/132/33 kV substation.
- (iv) Cost-of-electricity-service study and institutional capacity building for South Sudan,
- (v) Implementation of Environmental & Social management plan (ESMP), resettlement and compensation of project-affected persons, gender action plans, and Civil Society Organization activities.

The project supervision and management services included under this project are (a) review and update of designs, technical specifications and bidding documents prepared by the previous consultant, (b) providing support to the South Sudan Electricity Corporation (SSEC) and the Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Limited (UETCL) throughout the bidding processes, conducting due diligence and negotiating the contracts with the selected bidders, (c) prepare detailed and coordinated project implementation schedules, (d) review and approve the contractor's construction procedures, designs and technical reports, (e) participate in testing and acceptance at the factory for important equipment (f) supervision of construction works, (g) preparing the draft Joint O&M Agreement (JOMA) concerning the cross-border infrastructure up to the point of adoption and signature by the two power utilities, and (h) conducting a capacity needs assessment for the power utilities, and (i) support SSEC in preparation of the TORs for the recruitment of consultants for the Cost-of-Electricity-Service study and the Institutional Capacity Building Review.

This scope of services will be assigned to one consultancy firm and accordingly there shall be only one shortlist to invite firms. One Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued to the shortlisted

Consultants, and one firm (Single or JV or Consortium) shall be selected to assist the two Executing Agencies. There will be two independent contracts signed with the same Consultant for the two implementing agencies. It is therefore expected that the selected firm shall have sufficient and independent resources to undertake the assignment simultaneously. It is expected that the consultancy service assignment will take 48 months.

The South Sudan Electricity Corporation (SSEC) and the Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Limited (UETCL) have assigned the Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program Coordination Unit (NELSAP-CU) to play the coordination role in the procurement of this consultancy service. Accordingly, NELSAP-CU, SSEC and UETCL now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the above-described services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (company profile, financial status, brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions experience in construction supervision of similar works, and other relevant information, and availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

Eligibility criteria for the establishment of the shortlist of six firms shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank Group's "*Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations*" dated October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours.

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Attn: **SUPIP Join Project Coordinator**

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