



GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
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Request for Expression of Interest (REoI)
(INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANCY ASSIGNMENT)

COUNTRY: LIBERIA

NAME OF PROJECT: Liberia Economic Recovery and Transformation Project (ERTP)

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: **(P171997)**

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (ESMF), ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP), LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES (LMP) AND AN UPDATE OF A STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN (SEP)

Reference No.: LR-MoCI-ERTP-01-INDV-CS

Introduction

In efforts to create an enabling economic environment that promotes sustainable growth, the Government of Liberia, with support from the Work Group (IBRD/IDA/IFC), has proposed to undertake further reforms that will transform the landscape of its real economy and create more and better jobs for its people through the implementation of the Liberia Economic Recovery and Transformation Project (ERTP). Given the adverse economic impact of COVID-19, this project will also allow formal Small, and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), most of which have limited firm capabilities and access to financial markets, to competitively participate in global value chains through exports or import substitution.

The project is designed to help address key constraints that the private sector faces at both economy-wide and firm level, when starting or doing business in Liberia. Through the reforms to be supported under this project, Liberia hopes to send a clear message that it is open for business and that it should be the destination of choice for any potential investor. The project will contribute to transforming the economy of Liberia by leveraging digital

technology to promote financial inclusion and reduce the need to transact business through cash.

Project Description Development Objective

The ERTTP's conceptual framework is anchored in the World Bank Group's Jobs and Economic Transformation (JET) Framework and consists of mutually reinforcing activities aimed at job creation. Under the ERTTP, three areas of on-going and planned Government programs have been identified for support in order to: (i) improve the environment for firms to trade internationally, (ii) strengthen firm capabilities to participate in international trade, directly or indirectly, and (iii) improve the ability of firms to access finance. The ERTTP aims to improve the investment climate, strengthen firm capabilities, expand financial access, and help formal MSMEs recover from the impact of the COVID-19

With the above background, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, through the Ministry of Finance and Development Planning of the Republic of Liberia has applied for financing from the World Bank in the tune of *US\$40 million* for the implementation of the *Liberia Economic Recovery and Transformation Project (ERTTP)*, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

As its development objective, the ERTTP aims to improve the investment climate, strengthen firm capabilities, expand financial access, and help formal MSMEs recover from the impact of the COVID-19

The consulting services ("the Services") is expected to produce high quality work with maximum professionalism. The Consultant is expected to have years of experience in the development of World Bank's ESMF, ESCP, LMP and SEP.

The document (ESMF, ESCP, LMP and SEP) should outline the general principles as well as regulatory and institutional arrangements for identifying and addressing any potential environmental, social and labor impacts arising from the proposed project, including those that may be associated with Line of Credits, etc. This would also include a summary of the background to the project, the different components and most importantly, the Consultant shall identify the possible environmental and social issues that each component and subcomponents are likely to generate, and for which reason this ESMF is being developed.

The ERTTP has a life span of five years commencing 2022 to 2026 and it will be implemented by a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) to be established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry now invites eligible individual consultants (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. If interested in the assignment, you are invited to submit your Curriculum Vitae to demonstrate that you have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The consultant should have at least 10 years of experience in developing the ESMF, ESCP, LMP and SEP with donor or multi-lateral projects, and must be conversant with the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). The qualification criteria are contained in the TOR attached. Your attention is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” Forth Edition, November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Local and international consultants are encouraged to apply; however, international consultants are encouraged to be in country or have an agent(s) in Liberia.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours: 9am-4pm local time daily from Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest together with Curriculum Vitae must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail,) by Thursday, 26 August 2021 at 2pm local time, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Please contact the below individuals for all necessary attachments.

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