

Request for Expressions of Interest to support the Kenya Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority in the mini grid sector.

Title	Consultancy Services to Support the Kenya Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) in the mini grid sector
Tendering Organization	Innovation Energie Développement (IED), France www.ied-sa.fr IED is the Managing Entity of the Green Mini Grid (GMG) project implemented by AFD in Kenya.
Country of assignment	Kenya
Category	Consultancy Services
Expected scope of the assignment	The total TA effort for the envisaged scope of work is estimated to require up to 500 expert days. Main areas of support are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adaptation and adoption of draft Mini grid regulations ○ Capacity building of national staff ○ Provision of Embedded expertise ○ Support to the IT Section (electronic processing of applications)
Number of firms to be shortlisted	Up to 6 consultancy firms will be short listed and requested to submit full proposals
Deadline	30 April 2020 12:00 PM East Africa Time (EAT).
Electronic submission to	contact@gmgfacilitykenya.org with copy to p.deloge@ied-sa.fr
Reference number	IED K/GMG/2020/001

Introduction

The Green Mini Grid (GMG) Facility Kenya is funded by DFID and EU Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund (EUAITF) and is implemented by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD). The Program is managed by Innovation Energie Développement (IED), acting as the Managing Entity of the project. The GMG Facility Kenya aims to enhance access to energy in Kenya by encouraging private investment in mini grids based on renewable energy. The GMG Facility Kenya commenced in 2016 and has since provided on demand driven technical assistance and financial support through investment and out based grants to private developers to encourage the building and operation of green mini-grids. The program is expected to achieve:

- 13,000 – 17,000 new connections reaching 65 000 to 85,000 people with new access
- 1.5 megawatts capacity installed through mini grids
- increased private finance flows into the sector
- GMG sector technical assistance to support a self-sustaining GMG sector in Kenya,
- Contribute to improving mini-grid regulations and policy,

GMG Facility Kenya works closely with the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MOEP) and the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) which both support and facilitate the development of the mini grid sector in Kenya. Over the last years several mini grids have been constructed and become operational supported by GMG, GIZ, and the Rural Electrification Authority (now Rural Electrification



and Renewable Energy Corporation, REREC). EPRA was established as the successor to the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) under the Energy Act, 2019 with an expanded mandate of inter alia regulation of upstream petroleum and coal. Among others, the EPRA regulates i) Generation, importation, exportation, transmission, distribution, supply and use of electrical energy with the exception of licensing of nuclear facilities and ii) Production, conversion, distribution, supply, marketing and use of renewable energy.

Regulations for the mini grid sector were drafted in 2017 with technical support from several development partners. The regulations need to be adapted to the new Energy Act of 2019, subjected to the stakeholder review process and subsequently submitted to Parliament for official endorsement and then for implementation by EPRA. The overall process is guided by the Taskforce on the Implementation of the Energy Act appointed by the Cabinet Secretary for Energy in July 2019.

Scope of Work

The envisaged scope of work will involve among others

- Adaptation of the draft mini grid regulations prepared in 2017 to bring these in line with the new Energy Act as well as support to the adoption process.
- Update of the mini grid model used for the tariff calculations to ensure that these reflect the current conditions
- Capacity building of EPRA's staff in the application of the mini grid regulations
- Provision of embedded expertise for a limited period to support EPRA in the processing of applications and permits while at same time building internal staff capacity
- Support to the IT section to strengthen the electronic processing of applications

Requirements for submission

GMG Facility Kenya, through its Managing Entity (IED, France), invites eligible Firms to indicate their interest in being invited to submit a full proposal at the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage. Interested Firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, referring to the guidance above. Consultants may associate with other invited and non-invited firms to enhance their qualifications. The EOI submission shall be in the form of a single attached PDF file, including any annexes. Please note that the total size of this PDF file should be less than 10MB. The Firms should limit their EOI to a focused and tailored submission not to exceed 20 pages, exclusive of CVs and suggestions/comments on the proposed approach/methodology, which can be included as annex material. EOI submissions that go beyond the 20 pages limit WILL NOT BE REVIEWED beyond this point, which may negatively impact on the scoring that is given. The intention at the EOI stage is to assess the suitability of each Firms to be invited to the RFP stage, and so firms should focus on responding to the criteria outlined in Scope of Work Section above, and should keep their EOI submissions concise and to the point.



Qualification criteria bidder

In order to confirm eligibility for AFD's financing, interested firms shall submit (as part of the Annex to the expression of interest) a duly signed 'statement of integrity' which can be downloaded from [www. https://www.afd.fr/en](https://www.afd.fr/en) (appendix 1 of <https://www.afd.fr/sites/afd/files/2019-11-03-23-40/ope-R2011a-foreign-countries-procurement-guidelines.pdf>)

Interested Consultancy Firms must provide information evidencing that they are qualified and experienced to perform those services, such as:

- Presentation of the Consultancy Firm: background, scope of activities, financial data (sales figures, etc.) for the past 3 years, description of human resources, organogram, etc. Firms below 2 million euro turn over and less than 10 permanent staff WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE.
- Experience on similar projects during the last 10 years. Similar projects include experience in mini grids sector or, next best, experience with off-grid sector and conventional rural electrification.
- Firms which can bring in Kenyan expertise for specific tasks will have a distinct advantage or, next best, experience in other African Countries.

Disclaimers and general information

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.3.3 of the AFD procurement guidelines: Guidelines for the procurement of AFD financed contracts in Foreign Countries, setting forth the AFD's policy on conflict of interest.

Further information can be obtained at the email address contact@gmgfacilitykenya.org 7 days before dead line for submission

Among the submitted applications, IED will shortlist a maximum of six (6) consultants, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the services shall be issued.

This is not an invitation to tender. Following the completion of the EOI stage, a shortlist of eligible firms will be invited to the RFP stage, which will include a full technical and financial evaluation.

Only shortlisted firms will be contacted for the tender process

Nothing in the REOI shall be construed to be a commitment of the part of GMG Facility Kenya, IED and/or AFD. IED does not guaranteed to proceed further than the EOI and this invitation for EOI is being neither an agreement not an offer for award of work.