
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(Consultants Services)

Republic of Liberia

**COTE D'IVOIRE, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE, GUINEA
Interconnection Project (CLSG)**

**Recruitment of Consultant (firm),
Assignment of establishment of a baseline database of the
environmental component of the CLSG Project area
in Liberia**

Sector: Energy

Financing Agreement Reference: ESMP and PAR Budget

Ref. REOI: CS/PAR/01/LB/PIU

The Governments of Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone and Guinea have received funding from the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the European Investment Bank and KfW, and also bring the Capital to contribute to the financing of the CLSG Interconnection Project. According to the Financing Arrangements, Governments have lent these funds to CLSG TRANSCO in order to implement the said project. TRANSCO CLSG intends to use part of these funds for the recruitment of a National Consultant (Firm) for the establishment of a baseline database for the environmental component of the CLSG Project area.

While the CLSG project has positive impacts in terms of transmission and distribution of electrical energy, and in terms of carbon savings, it has also negative impacts on the environmental and social component. Therefore an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), an ESMP and a RAP were performed in order to mitigate the negative impacts.

As part of the implementation of the ESMP during the construction and operating phase, the monitoring of environmental parameters need a baseline database in terms of the quality of environmental components such as water, air, vegetation and wildlife, soil and noise exposure.

The overall objective of the consultancy service is to assist TRANSCO CLSG in having a baseline database of the water quality of the watercourse crossed by the corridor of the line, the preliminary characterization of the soils, vegetation and wildlife of the project area, the air quality and noise level of the cities of the project area.

This database must comply with environmental requirements of CLSG countries and international environmental requirements including performance standards of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) of January 1st, 2012, the Environmental, Health and Safety guidelines (EHS Guidelines of April 30, 2007), and finally the environmental, health and safety guidelines for energy transport distribution projects of April 30, 2007.

The duration of the study is three (03) months from the signing date of the service contract. This period includes the document review, the direct measurements, the sampling, the lab analysis, the drafting of intermediate and final documents and the submission of the final report.

Specifically, for each component, the mission will have to:

- Define its methodological approach, including sampling protocols, measurement protocols and analytical equipment used, the working timetable, etc.
- Describe and locate the sampling and measurement points (their surroundings, GPS coordinates, photographs, mapping, etc.);
- Provide numerical values of various parameters, interpret and compare with national and international standards, including those listed above;
- Develop a study report constituting the database, object of the mission and attach all schedules (photographs, maps etc.)

The Consultant will consider all necessary data and reports on the environmental and social aspects (ESIA, ESMP RAP) in connection with the Liberia corridor of the CLSG Interconnection Project, and any additional information that might help in the development of the environmental database.

TRANSCO CLSG now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described above. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services through the documentation, references to similar services, experience in similar assignments, availability of qualified personnel, etc.

The eligibility criteria, the establishment of the shortlist and the selection process will be consistent with the consultant selection method as described in the "Public Procurement Regulation of Liberia".

The requirements are:

- (i) A minimum of 5 years of working experience in conducting similar missions,
- (ii) An excellent understanding of the development of a reference database as part of the construction of power transmission infrastructure (supported by the completion of at least five (5) similar studies);
- (iii) Have in its team at least the following profiles:
 - a) One (1) Environmental Expert, Head of Mission: Engineering degree (Environmental Management) or similar with a minimum of five (5) years of working experience and have completed at least three (3) similar missions as head of mission;
 - b) One (1) Chemist or Biochemist: Master's degree in chemistry, biochemistry or similar with a minimum of five (5) years of working experience and have completed at least three (3) similar missions as a senior expert.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 09:00 to 16:30, Mondays to Fridays inclusive except Public Holidays, or in writing an email at: info@transcoclsg.org; mkeita@transcoclsg.org; pkolani@transcoclsg.org; cniambe@transcoclsg.org; bbalde@transcoclsg.org.

Expressions of interest **must be submitted by email and delivered by courier service or in person** to the address below by **July 25, 2016 at 16:30 GMT** and mention « **Recruitment of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) for the supervision of the compensation process of people affected by the CLSG project in Liberia** ». Only the shortlisted applicants will be contacted. The address is:

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