



WARCIP LIBERIA PROJECT

WEST AFRICA REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM



Extension of Request for Expressions of Interest

Consultant Services for the Conduct of an Internal Mid Term Review of the WARCIP Liberia Project

1) This request for Expressions of Interest being published in national newspapers in Liberia, and on LTA website to attract suitable candidates is **hereby extended to 23 August 2013**.

2) Background

The Government of Liberia (GoL) has received a loan from the International Development Association of the World Bank (the "Bank") towards the cost of implementing the first phase of the West Africa Regional Communications Infrastructure Program (WARCIP) Liberia Project (the "Project") and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan towards the cost of consulting services for the conduct of an internal Mid Term Review (MTR) of the Project.

A credit of \$25.6 million for the Project was approved by the Bank on February 8, 2011, and the Project became effective on June 13, 2011. The Project is implemented through a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) under the aegis of the GoL's implementing agency, the Liberia Telecommunications Authority (LTA). The Project has three components, including Component 1 for international connectivity, Component 2 for an enabling telecommunications environment and institutional strengthening, and Component 3 for implementation support.

3) Objective

The overall objective of the GoL's MTR is to review the first two years of the Project, assess the progress made, and identify the constraints and lessons learned so as to improve Project implementation and consequently help the Government and Project Team in future decision making. This MTR is an internal process to be carried out by the GoL, through its implementing agency and PIU, prior to and in preparation for the official MTR to be undertaken by an independent consultant. In furtherance of this objective, the GoL seeks to hire an individual consultant to conduct an internal MTR of the Project.

4) Scope of Work

The Consultant will work with the PIU, the LTA and other Project stakeholders to undertake the following specific activities:

- Review and assess the implementation progress and performance of the Project – for Components 1 and 2 - against the targets and the development objectives;
- Review the progress made against the targets and the capacity of the Procurement, Financial Management, and Disbursement functions of the Project;
- Review progress towards the targets and the capacity of the M&E and Communications functions;
- Draw lessons from the implementation of the Project;
- Based on the MTR's findings, recommend solutions to improve Project implementation and performance.

The Internal MTR will include a 3-day workshop with the participation of all entities involved in Project implementation. The workshop will be organized around four (4) Working Groups with the following specific roles:

1. Working Group 1 will cover Component One review and assessment,
2. Working Group 2 will cover the Component Two review and assessment,
3. Working Group 3 will discuss the Project's Procurement, Financial and Administrative Management, and
4. Working Group 4 will assess the M & E and Communications performance.

The Consultant is expected to develop terms of reference for each Working Group.

5) **Duration, Deliverables and Administrative Arrangements**

The internal MTR is expected to last six (6) days, including a 3-day workshop, scheduled as follows:

Day 1 & 2: Preparation of the Workshop and definition of the Working Groups; Documentation development and TORs definition.

Day 3, 4 & 5: Workshop

Day 6: Presentation and finalization of the MTR reports.

The Individual Consultant is expected to mobilize and began work immediately upon contract signature.

6) **Consultant Qualifications**

The Individual Consultant must have at least five (5) years practical experience in preparing MTRs, PIMs, project completion and other project related internal documentation for World Bank financed projects.

7) **Deadline for Submission**

Expressions of Interest with detailed information of Past Performance must be delivered to the address below (by hand or e-mail) **on or before 23 August 2013 at 1700 GMT**. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

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