

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES COMMISSION (ECOWAS)**  
**Department of Transport and Telecommunications**

**NIGERIAN – CAMEROON MULTINATIONAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION  
PROGRAMME ON THE BAMENDA-MAMFE-ABAKALIKI-ENUGU ROAD CORRIDOR**

**SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS FOR TRANSPORT'S AND JOINT BORDERS POST STUDIES  
AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ECOWAS**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

1. This request for expressions of interest follows the General Procurement Notice for this project that appeared in *UN Development Business* No 733 dated 08/31/2008 and the ECOWAS website in November 2008.
2. The Federal Republic of Nigeria (FGN) and the Republic of Cameroon have obtained a loan from the World Bank, the Japan Bank for International Cooperation and the African Development Fund (ADF) for the implementation of the above project.
3. Some key element of this Project are : (i) the construction and equipment of a Joint Border Post (JBP) within the territory of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; (ii) studies on transport facilitation issues and legal status of the JBP; et (iii) the construction of two lane 280m long bridges on the cross river at the border between the two countries. The monitoring of the implementation of these components as well as the general coordination of the programme will be the responsibility of ECOWAS Commission and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS); for which the Commission has obtained an ADF Grant for the construction of the JBP and for Capacity building to facilitate the process. This project is expected to be jointly coordinated by ECOWAS and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS). ECOWAS intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for the consultancy services which will cover but not limited to the following activities:

**Lot 1: Technical Assistance to ECOWAS**

- i. Twenty four (24 month) of transport specialist (Economist or Engineer) and
- ii. Six (6) men x month of short term experts

**Lot 2 - Transports and Joint Border Post studies**

**Phase 1 (six month)**

- i. Studies on transport facilitation issues and the legal status of the Joint Border Post (JBP);
- ii. Technical, environmental and social Impact studies for construction and equipping of the JBP;
- iii. Studies on the harmonization of norms, standards, vehicle size and axle load between the ECCAS and ECOWAS zones
- iv. Workshops for validation of the results of the studies
- v. Prepare the tender document for work construction of the JBP

**Phase 2 (24 month)**

- vi. Support ECOWAS and ECCAS for bid evaluation of JBP work (15 days)
- vii. Works supervision for the construction of the JBP; and
- viii. Training/Workshops/Study trips/Sensitization for utilization of JBP

4. The ECOWAS Commission in collaboration with ECCAS now invites eligible Consulting Firms for Expression of Interest (EOIs) for the purpose of providing consultancy services as described above. **The firms are free to express their interest for only one lot or for the two lots.** This advertisement is open to consultants from eligible source countries.
5. Interested Consultants must provide information **for each lot** indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, proof of Alliances/Partnership/joint venture (if applicable), information in registration with relevant professional organizations, registration number of recording on the consultant's register of Multilateral donors, in particular ADB, etc.) Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

6. One (for the two lots) or two (one per lot) short list of five to seven firms will be compiled in accordance with the procedures set out in the African Development Bank's *Rules of Procedure for the use of Consultants (current edition)*. **Only short listed firms would be contacted.** A firm that has not been shortlisted cannot associate with a consulting firm on the shortlist to provide the requested services. Firms shall be authorized to form partnerships or joint ventures with a lead consultant and its sub-consultants.

7. Expression of Interest **must** be submitted in six (6) copies and one (1) soft copy in sealed envelope clearly marked **“Expression of Interest for Consultancy for transport and joint borders post studies and technical assistance to ECOWAS envisaged within the framework of the Nigerian-Cameroon Multinational Highway and Transport Facilitation Program on Bamenda-Enugu-Abakiliki road Corridor”**.

8. Interested firms may obtain further information at the address shown below from 9.00am -5.00pm, Mondays through Fridays Nigerian Local Time (except public holidays)

9. Expressions of Interest must be addressed to the address below by latest 04.00pm, Tuesday March 10, 2009

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