

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Country: Nigeria Fund: ECOWAS

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Assignment Title: Study on VAT and customs duty exemptions applied to Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) as well LPG cylinders including their accessories in the ECOWAS region, and drafting of a Regional Harmonization Directive

The ECOWAS Commission has made provision in its 2024 budget to cover the costs relating to the above-mentioned mission.

The consulting services ("the Services") include the Study on VAT and customs duty exemptions applied to Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) as well LPG cylinders including their accessories in the ECOWAS region, and drafting of a Regional Harmonization Directive.

The implementation period is 4 months. The estimated start date is July 2024.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: https://www.ecowas.int/procurement/procurement_m/intellectual-services/

The ECOWAS Commission now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- A minimum of three (3) similar studies within the last 10 years.
- Solid experience in the following areas
 - Value Added Tax (VAT)
 - Customs duties
 - Hydrocarbon
- Good knowledge of the region (ECOWAS)

Key experts will not be assessed at the pre-selection stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section IV, paragraphs 1 to 5 of article 118 of the "ECOWAS Procurement Code", January 2020 setting forth the ECOWAS policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant Qualifications Selection** (CQS) set out in the ECOWAS Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 09:00 am to 4:00 pm (UT+1) Nigerian time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail by 14th March 2024 at 12 noon (UT+1) Nigerian Time.

ECOWAS Commission

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