

Government of Nepal

Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation

Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC) Private Sector-Led Mini-Grid Energy Access Project (MGEAP)

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Consultancy Service for the review of Detailed Feasibility Study (DFS) Reports including Detailed Engineering Designs (DED)

Contract ID (STEP Ref.) No.: NP-AEPC-264180-CS-CQS

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- The Government of Nepal has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Private Sector-Led Mini-Grid Energy Access Project (MGEAP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the procurement of Consulting Services.
- 2. The Consulting Services ("the Services") include reviewing the Detailed Feasibility Study (DFS) Reports including Detailed Engineering Designs (DED) of Amadablam Mini Hydro Subproject, 911 kW and Monjo Khola Mini Hydro Subproject, 942 kW (two Subprojects). An estimated input of key experts is 156 Person-Days. The total duration of the consultancy services will be 45 days and the expected start date of the assignment is 1 March 2022.
- 3. The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the assignment and Expression of Interest (EoI) submission procedure can be obtained from the website of AEPC: **www.aepc.gov.np** or office of the AEPC, at the address mentioned above.
- 4. The AEPC/MGEAP 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. General work experience within last 10 years
 - b. Specific work experience within last 10 years
 - c. Technical and Managerial capacity of Consulting Firm

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

- 5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", July 2016 (4th Edition, November 2020) "Procurement Regulations", setting forth the World Bank's policy of conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: Previously involved Consulting Firm and human resources during DFS report preparation will not be eligible for submission of EoI.
- 6. 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 and/or a sub-consultancy. 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.
- 7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant's Qualifications based Selection (CQS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.
- 8. Further information can be obtained from the AEPC, at the address mentioned above during office hours.
- 9. Expression of Interest (EoI) must be delivered in a written form to the AEPC, at the address mentioned above in person, or by mail, or by email on or before 2:00 P.M. on 31 December 2021.
- 10. The eligible Consultants are encouraged to express their interest for the "Consultancy Service for the review of Detailed Feasibility Study (DFS) Reports including Detailed Engineering Designs (DED)" advertised by the office of AEPC/MGEAP located at Mid-Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal.