

EIB - Feasibility study for high voltage interconnection (BJ-Cotonou)

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MAN (COTE D'IVOIRE) - SANNEQUILLE (LIBERIA) - NZEREKORE (GUINEA) - BUCHANAN (LIBERIA) - MONROVIA (LIBERIA) - BUMBUNA (SIERRA LEONE) - LINSAN (GUINEA) INTERCONNECTION PROJECT

West African Power Pool

The West African Power Pool (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has received approval for financing from the European Union (EU) - Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund, for which the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Kreditanstalt, für Wiederaufbau (KfW) shall act as Agents, towards the cost of the Man (Cote d'Ivoire) - Sannequille (Liberia) - Nzérékore (Guinea) - Buchanan (Liberia) - Monrovia (Liberia) - Bumbuna (Sierra Leone) - Linsan (Guinea) Interconnection Project. This International Call for Expressions of Interest relates to the contract for Consultancy Services for a Feasibility Study for the Man (Cote d'Ivoire) - Sannequille (Liberia) - Nzérékore (Guinea) - Buchanan (Liberia) - Monrovia (Liberia) - Bumbuna (Sierra Leone) - Linsan (Guinea) Interconnection Project.

For the purpose of this Call For Expressions of Interest, EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund means the financial instrument established jointly by the Commission, the EIB and other EU Donors in support of the EU-Africa Infrastructure Partnership, one of the pillars of the new EU Strategy for Africa adopted by the European Council in December 2005 with a view to facilitate interconnectivity at continental level for the promotion of regional integration.

This contract will include:

- Feasibility Study:
- Determination of the technical feasibility of the project
- Determination of the economic and financial viability of the project
- Recommendation of the most feasible option and cost estimates
- Preliminary Engineering design at feasibility level and preparation of functional specifications
- Close collaboration with Consultant executing Line Route Study
- Training by transfer of technological know-how through training of counterpart staff in project preparation.

This contract is expected to be implemented from July 2008 to April 2009.

All firms are invited to respond to the Call for Expression of Interest (EOI).

Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc).

Interested Consultants should note that a separate Call for EOI in carrying out a Line Route Study and an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Study has also been published. Consultants should respond to the Calls for EOI separately, but may express interest in either or both.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the European Investment Bank's Guide to Procurement February 2004 Edition.

Interested eligible Consultants may obtain further information from:

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All Expressions of Interest must be delivered in closed envelopes bearing the mention

"Expression of Interest for the Feasibility Study for the Man (Cote d'Ivoire) - Sannequille (Liberia) - Nzérékore (Guinea) - Buchanan (Liberia) - Monrovia (Liberia) - Bumbuna (Sierra Leone) - Linsan (Guinea) Interconnection Project"

not later than 12 noon local time Benin, January 15th, 2008 at the following address:

West African Power Pool Secretariat, Zones des Ambassades, PK-6, 06 BP 2907 Cotonou, Republic of Benin.