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EIB - ECOWAS Generation and Transmission Master Plan (BJ-Cotonou)

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International Call for Expression of Interest

ECOWAS GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION MASTER PLAN

Update of the ECOWAS Master Plan

West African Power Pool

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The West African Power Pool (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has requested financing from the European Union (EU) - Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund, for which the European Investment Bank (EIB) shall act as Agent, towards the cost of updating of the ECOWAS Revised (2004) Master Plan for the Generation and Transmission Network. This International Call for Expression of Interest relates to the contract for Consultancy Services to update the ECOWAS Generation and Transmission Master Plan.

For the purpose of this call for Expressions of Interest, EU-Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund means the financial instrument established jointly by the European Commission, the EIB and other EU Donors in support of the EU-Africa Infrastructure Partnership, one of the pillars of the 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 shall include but not be limited to the following services related to the updating of the ECOWAS Master Plan:

- Analysis of the characteristics of the regional electricity supply system: main generation sources, transmission grid, cross border power trading,
- Examination of the electric energy demand and supply balance both at national, sub-regional (control areas) and regional level,
- Elaboration of an optimal plan for the regional generation and transmission system development while taking into consideration various constraints affecting operations of the electric utility companies,
- Updating of the dynamic and static stability studies with the view of evaluating the impact of the new electric power generation and transmission installations,
- Preliminary assessment of environmental impacts of the envisaged projects,
- Development of recommendations on the strategy for implementing the on going ECOWAS Priority Project and integrating new projects by indicating the necessary conditions for its realisation.

This contract is expected to be implemented from March to September 2010.

The budget for the provision of consultancy services is provisionally set at the equivalent of 47.5 staff.months.

Interested Consulting Firms are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI), and provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, information on non-performing consultancy contracts, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc).

On the basis of the applications received, a short-list of candidates will be issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for this contract. The following selection criteria will be applied to candidates: i) economic and financial standing of candidate, ii) a demonstrated track record in the carrying out of similar studies, iii) performance on completed and on-going consultancy contracts, iv) the ability to provide experienced and well-qualified staff for this assignment in the relevant professional disciplines, In case of applications by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole.

Subject to the funding decision of the Trust Fund, a Consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the European Investment Bank's Guide to Procurement (restricted procedure) February 2004 Edition, after evaluation of the offers submitted by short-listed candidates.

Interested Consultants may obtain further information from:

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

"Expression Of Interest for Update of ECOWAS Master Plan for the Generation and Transmission of Electrical Energy Project"

not later than 12 noon local time Benin, December 21st, 2009, at the following address:

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

A copy of each Expression of Interest must also be sent to the following address:

Mr Stefan Kerpen, European Investment Bank, OpsB/DEAS/Technical Assistance Unit, 100 boulevard Konrad Adenauer, L-2950 Luxembourg.