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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST No. _____ /ASMI/MINTP/SG/DGT/DIR/DIR10/UGP/IS/IA of 22 AVR 2020

For the Consultancy Services to control and supervise the Olama-Kribi road construction works,
Lot 2: Bingambo-Grandzambi (45 km)

Country	PROJECT NAME	Sector	Component:	Financing
Cameroon	Construction of the (Olama-Kribi) road, Lot 2 (Bingambo-Grandzambi: 45 km two-way road with 2x3.5 m roadway and two 1.5 m shoulders in the open countryside and 2 m in agglomeration, 07 bridges of total length of 172.6 ml and a viaduct of about 120 m	Transport infrastructure	Consulting Services	- Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (ABEDA), 100% NET OF TAXES. Loan Agreement signed on 27 May 2015; - Cameroon (taxes and customs duties)

1. Context

The Government of the Republic of Cameroon has obtained a loan financing from the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (ABEDA) for the partial financing of the Olama-Kribi road construction project (204km), including Lot 2 (Bingambo-Grandzambi: 45 km) and intends to allocate part of this loan to finance the consulting services. Related activities include:

- The review of the studies (verifications and validations) of the Preliminary Design Studies and the Tenders Documents works (one (01) month);
- Assistance to the Contracting Authority for the works of bids evaluation (two (02) months);
- Supervision and control of the works (twenty-six (26) months including twenty-four (24) months for the control of the works and two (02) months for the General and Final Invoice as well as the file of settlement).

2. Description of current road condition

The current road Yaounde-Kribi (N22), passing through Nyong and So'o Division (Ngomedzap Sub-division) and the Ocean Division (Mvengue, Lolodorf, Bipindi and Kribi Sub-divisions), about 271 km long, connects the capital of the Republic of CAMEROON to the Kribi seaport. This road is the shortest route to link the two cities.

The road section located between the Olama bridge and Kribi (204km) constitutes the section No.2 of the N22. It begins at the exit of the Olama Bridge and ends at the entrance to the town of Kribi from the beginning of the asphalt section with double lanes.

The width of the road varies from 4 to 6 m on a clear right-of-way of less than 10 m.

The longitudinal drainage system (side ditches) is not well defined. It is almost non-existent. In several sections of the route, the road turns into a runoff collector during the rainy season. The culverts and ring pipes are very old and depreciated (corrosion, deformation, obstruction, crack, break) and have a rolling width varying from 5 to 6 m.

The itinerary of the road between "Bingambo and Grandzambi" with a length of 45km follows the sides of the river banks through a very dense forest environment characterized in some places by significant waterfalls.

Many engineering structures and several flows crossing the road, bring out many low points to the longitudinal characteristics of the existing road.

The longitudinal profile has a project line to ensure surface water drainage and significant flows underneath the structures.

At crossings through built-up areas, the red line is wedged as closely as possible to the natural terrain for safety reasons and urban planning constraints.

3. Works components

The project financed by the Arab Donors (Saudi Fund for Development, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, Abu DHABI Fund, OFID and ABEDA), is packaged in a single lot (01) lot: Bingambo Road-Grandzambi (45 km) and relate to:

- Total drainage earthwork of the platform and the construction of longitudinal and transverse sanitation;
- The construction of a 7m wide paved roadway bordered by shoulders in double surface dressing, 1.5m wide in the open country and 2m wide in built-up areas;
- The construction of seven (07) medium bridges and one (01) viaduct over the Lokoundje river of approximately 120 meters;
- Facilities for safety, signalling and protection of road heritage as well as environment;
- Related works to reduce negative environmental impacts (construction and rehabilitation of roads in the project cities, social infrastructure classrooms and school fences, homes for young people and rural women, boreholes and water wells, community centres, health centres, storage sheds, latrines, playgrounds, etc., and rural tracks in the project area).

4. Eligibility

The Minister of Public Works, Project Owner, hereby invites candidates eligible for ABEDA's financing, in particular Arab and African consulting firms (whose capital is at least 50% owned by persons of Arab or African nationality), to express their interest in providing consultancy services related to the activities mentioned in Point 1 above.

Interested consultants must provide specific information indicating that they are fully qualified to perform the services (brochures, descriptions of similar assignments, experience under similar conditions, availability of the necessary knowledge among staff, etc.).

5. Qualification criteria

The relevance of the expressions of interest shall be examined in the light of the following criteria:

- a. The consultant's experience and his achievements in the specific area of services, including:
 - Proven experience in the project management of roads pavement works above 25 km, financed by international donors;
 - Relevant experience in road pavement management in sub-Saharan Africa, including major earthworks;
 - Relevant experience to manage the construction of concrete engineering structures over major rivers of more than 100m.
- b. Consultant's reputation as a professional entity, as well as its relevant ability to ensure a satisfactory relationship with the Client on the basis of supporting documents issued by the project owners or their certified true copies;
- c. Financial capacity of the Consultant (international longevity Consultant);
- d. Consultant's ability to protect first and foremost the interests of the Client (without taking into account the possibility of a future assignment) and to avoid any conflict of interest with other assignments or with the interests of its own company, at the beginning and during the performance of the services;
- e. Consultant's staff, organization chart and key technical framework;
- f. Administrative documents proving its ability to perform the services.

6. Application file

Consulting firms willing to express their interest to provide the services described above, shall submit the following documents:

6.1. Administrative documents:

The following administrative documents shall be provided and dated less than three (3) months at the initial tender submission deadline:

- Cover letter duly signed by the candidate or the leader of the consortium if necessary;
- Authorization to verify declarations duly signed by the candidate or the leader of the consortium if necessary;
- Non-indebtedness certificate for Cameroonian Consulting Firms;
- Non bankruptcy certificate delivered by the High Court of jurisdiction (original);
- Original of non-exclusion certificate from public contract in the country of origin issued by the competent authority of the country of origin;
- Turnover evidence for the last eight years.

In the event of a joint venture, the last three documents mentioned above shall be submitted by each member. In this case, the legal representative of the consortium shall be formally appointed by a deed attached to the file. Such deed or agreement shall clearly specify the type of association (joint venture, other intermediate forms of association).

Foreign candidates shall provide the equivalence of non-bankruptcy and non-indebtedness certificate issued by the authorized services in their country of origin.

Note: The consultant shall be disqualified in the case of absence or non-validity of one of the above mentioned documents.

6.2. Technical File

The technical file shall include:

- Minimum key staff to be mobilized by the consultant;
- References of the consulting firm.

The candidate's (relevant) references shall be used to assess:

- Experience in carrying out studies or control missions in the field of roads and engineering structures over the last fifteen (15) years, for which the amount of services (per project) is at least or equal to 500 million CFAF incl. of taxes;
- Experience in carrying out control missions for road construction or rehabilitation works and engineering structures as main service provider over the last fifteen (15) years, for which the amount of services (per project) is at least or equal to 30 million CFAF incl. of taxes;

Note:

(i) The candidate's references shall be taken into account only if the candidate attached excerpts of contracts (first page or any document giving information on the consistency of the services), accompanied by a completion certificate issued by the Project Owner or any other certified document as well as the contact details of the Projects Owners for the purpose.

(ii) Authorization to verify declarations: this document, duly signed by the General Manager of the consulting firm or by each member of the consortium, shall enable the Minister of Public Works to carry out any verification deemed necessary in order to check with the project owners concerned the accuracy of information relating to the references declared by the candidate.

7. Publication of results

The Minister of Public Works, through a sub-commission for the analysis of expressions of interest to be set up, shall draw up, on the basis of an evaluation grid established for this purpose and at his sole discretion, a shortlist of a maximum of 6 candidates. Shortlisted candidates should be required to submit a proposal to provide the services required after non objection notification from the ABEDA and information of all other donors (Saudi Fund for Development, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, OFID, and Abu DHABI Fund for Development).

8. Communication languages

All written communications for this pre-selection shall be in English or French.

9. Submission of files

Application files (as a single document) including the administrative documents and the technical file, drawn up in French or English, shall be submitted (no later than one hour before the opening of the bids) in five (05) copies, of which one

(01) original and four (04) copies and one (01) CD marked as such, in a closed and sealed envelope to the following address:

**Ministry of Public Works/Directorate General of Infrastructure Works,
Department of Road Investments, Olama-Grandzambi Project Management Unit**

Tel: (00237) 222 224 451 222 229 785

Fax: 00237 222 234 878

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Bearing the following:

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These expressions of interest shall be filed thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the Notice (**reference: Cameroon's official information newspaper and ABEDA's website**). **Note:** within the context of covid-19 and its consequences in the global transport systems, submissions can be sent via e-mail.

10. Opening of tenders

The tenders shall be opened on 04 JUN 2020 at 2 p.m. (local time), in the meeting room

of the Department of road investments (Bastos - Yaounde).

Candidates and/or their duly legal representatives shall be allowed to attend.

11. Further information

Interested consultants can obtain further information at the **Department of Road Investments/Project Management Unit - Tel:(+237) 677 64 63 00; Email:chaboungo@yahoo.fr.**

Copies:

- MINEPAT;
- MINMAP;
- PCRA (for publication);
- SOPECAM (for publication);
- Embassies of Arab Countries in Cameroon (For information and billposting).

Yaounde, 22 AVR 2020

**The Minister of Public Works,
(Project Owner)**

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