

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SAINT LUCIA

GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

SECTORS: Energy, Renewable Energy

Project ID: P149959

GEF Grant #TF018581 and SIDS Dock Grant #TF018390

Assignment Title: Consulting Services to Carry Out an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)

Reference No.: SLU-GEOP-CQS-CS-ESIA 01-14

Saint Lucia has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and the International Development Association (IDA) towards the Geothermal Resource Development Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consulting Services to carry out an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA).

The consulting services (“the Services”) include a prefeasibility study in order to formulate an informed investment decision as to whether to proceed with the exploratory drilling phase of the Geothermal Project and will be undertaken over a period of six calendar months. The Services required include: baseline assessment studies, environmental and social impact assessment and development of a Resettlement of an Action, Resettlement Policy Framework and stakeholder engagement and will be undertaken over a period of eight calendar months.

The Department of Economic Development, Transport and Civil Aviation 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; (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, **please note that the individual experts’ bio data is not required.**)

The shortlisting criteria are:

The minimum required qualifications and experience of the consulting firm are:

At least ten years’ experience in Environmental and Social Impact Assessments of infrastructural projects

At least two successfully completed projects in environmental and social impact assessment in a similar terrain

Experience in the Caribbean or similar Small Island Developing States working on similar assignments.

Experience in community field work and social safeguards.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. **The associations should clearly indicate the form of the association** (Joint-venture or sub-consultancy; member in charge; other member/s and or sub-consultants). **Joint ventures should submit letters of intent** indicating their intent to form a joint venture if awarded the contract and shall provide the above mentioned information for each member of the joint venture.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with Consultants' Qualification Selection method in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* 2011 ("Consultant Guidelines").

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 8:00 a.m-4:30 p.m. (0800 to 1600 hours).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **August 12, 2016**.

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