

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Interconnection Project (CLSG)**

**AUDIT OF THE RESETTLEMENT ACTION PLAN (RAP) IMPLEMENTATION IN SIERRA
LEONE**

Sector: Energy

Financing Agreement Reference: PAR Budget

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The Governments of Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone and Guinea have received funding from the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the European Investment Bank and KfW, and also bring the Capital to contribute to the financing of the CLSG Interconnection Project. According to the Financing Arrangements, Governments have lent these funds to CLSG TRANSCO in order to implement the said project. TRANSCO CLSG intends to use part of these funds for the recruitment in each country of the project a Consulting Firm to carry out a RAP implementation/completion Audit.

The overall aim of the Audit is to undertake an independent review of the process and outputs of the resettlement compensation and livelihood rehabilitation activities under the CLSG Project. In specific terms, the RAP implementation audit shall be achieving the following objectives:

- Ensure that the RAP implementation was carried out in the CLSG countries in compliance with the national relevant regulations, World Bank Operational Policy on Involuntary Resettlement, OP 4.12, and African Development Bank's SO2 as stipulated in the RAP documents;
- Establish the extent to which the RAP implementation was appropriate and useful as an instrument of mitigation of the anticipated social adverse impacts of the-projects;
- Document lessons learnt in the RAP implementation process including the views of PAPs on the process and outcomes;
- Ascertain the capacity of TRANSCO CLSG in RAP implementation;
- Determine the success of the resettlement process carried out based on inclusiveness and socioeconomic indicators/livelihood restoration of PAPs;
- Establish whether the Grievance Management systems were adequate and functional during the implementation of the CLSG project in the 4 countries;

DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

Duration of the assignment is twelve (12) weeks. The Consultant shall commence work within a week after signing of the contract.

TRANSCO CLSG now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services described above. Interested consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services through the documentation, references to similar services, experience in similar assignments, availability of qualified personnel, etc.

The eligibility criteria, the establishment of the shortlist and the selection process will be consistent with the consultant selection method as described in the "Public Procurement Regulation of Sierra Leone".

The requirements are:

A firm with extensive experience in implementing and/or auditing resettlement action plans will undertake the study.

The proposed firm will have a lead Social Scientist who is an **Expert in resettlement action plan and social safeguard audit** with a minimum of master degree in either Sociology, Anthropology, Economics, and other relevant social sciences with a minimum of 10 years and above, with demonstrated experience in **Environmental and Social Audit, preparation of Social Safeguards documentation with reference to WBG and AfDB's safeguard policies (including LRP, RAP, and RPF) for World Bank and AfDB supported project(s).**

The lead Expert should have:

- (i) an excellent understanding of the socio-economic assessment principles in the construction of power transmission infrastructure (supported by the completion of at least five (5) similar studies);
- (ii) an excellent understanding of the principles of resettlement action plans in connection with the construction of power transmission infrastructure (supported by the completion of at least five (5) similar studies).

The Firm must be fully familiar with the country and IDA operational policies and regulations. The firm must demonstrate the ability to carry out this study with proven capability of studying and producing consistent high-quality reports and also ensure that all specific task in this TOR are adequately addressed in the report.

KEY PERSONNEL COMPOSITION :

Team Lead:

Social Audit Expert/Socio-economist with advanced degree in Sociology/Anthropology/Economics or other related discipline/At least 10 years' experience in World Bank and AfDB social safeguard activities and analysis.

Social Surveyor :

Minimum Academic Qualification of First Degree (BSc/HND) in Land Survey or other related discipline / At least 5 years' experience in Land Survey (experience in Electricity facilities is an added advantage).

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from *Monday to Friday between 09:00 AM and 05:00 PM during working days*. Or can be obtained upon request, by writing an email to: mkeita@transcoclsg.org with mandatory copy to bbalde@transcoclsg.org, cniambe@transcoclsg.org

Expression of Interest could be submitted **by email or delivered in a written form by courier service or in person** to the address below by 12:00 AM GMT on **September 21, 2020**. Only shortlisted firms will be contacted.

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