

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### Interconnection Project (CLSG)

### COMPLIANCE AUDIT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLANS (ESMPs) FOR CÔTE D'IVOIRE, LIBERIA, SIERRA LEONE AND GUINEA (CLSG) INTERCONNECTION PROJECT

### SIERRA LEONE

*Sector: Energy*

*Financing: CLSG ESMP 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 TRANSCO CLSG in order to implement the said project. TRANSCO CLSG intends to use part of these funds for the recruitment a **Consulting Firm to carry out the compliance audit of the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPS) in Sierra Leone.**

The general objective of the ESMP completion audit is to assess the level of compliance of the project with the applicable environmental and social requirements. Specifically, the ESMPs implementation audit must achieve the following objectives:

- Verify the effective implementation of the Donors environmental and social requirements in particular the African Development Bank, the World Bank, the European Investment Bank and KfW in the ESMPs implementation for the Construction Phase;
- Identify the lessons learned from the ESMPs implementation process, taking into account the views of stakeholders (National and local committees, national environmental protection agencies, national forestry development agencies, TRACTEBEL, Contractors, populations);
- Verify TRANSCO's existing Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) and capacity to implement the activities foreseen for the ESMPs for Construction Phase, Occupational Health and Safety Plan, including Community Health and Safety, communication with communities;
- Verify the organization of TRANSCO CLSG, in implementing the ESMPs for the Construction Phase purposes;
- Verify the level of achievement of the objectives of the ESMP implementation process conducted on the basis of its key indicators;
- Identify the existing environmental and social impacts on the sites before the start of work by the EPC contractors (Identify the residual environmental and social impacts)
- Assess the degree of effectiveness of the implementation of the ESMPs by each EPC Contractor;
- Evaluate the degree of effectiveness of the Owner's Engineer in monitoring the implementation of ESMPs by EPC contractors and Owner's Engineer;
- Check the relevant KPI for each of the Environmental and Social Components that have affected the Project during the Construction Phase;
- Verify the efficiency of waste management, biodiversity, pollution, working, Health and Safety and employment conditions, etc;
- Check the effectiveness of management systems relating to the health and safety of workers and work sites;
- Check the status of the workers and external grievances and their implementation, including logging of complains and their solutions (if any);
- Check the status of the resettlement activities, as stated in the Resettlement Action Plan;
- Present the full compliance audit report on the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plans as part of the implementation and completion of the construction phase of the CLSG Project.

**This assignment will be conducted in the four CLSG countries (Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea). A consulting firm can apply for one or a combination of several countries subject to the qualification of the firm.**

## **DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

Duration of the assignment is **twelve (12) weeks for the first step** of the assignment and **ten (10) weeks for the second step** (Ref. the TOR of the assignment). The Consultant shall commence the services 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, proof of 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 Least Cost Selection method as per the "Tender Code" of TRANSCO CLSG.

**The Consultants that implemented the ESMP assignment of the CLSG Project for a given country are not eligible to participate to the audit of the ESMP of that country.**

The requirements are:

The Consultant (Firm) must have extensive experience in the implementation and / or audit of Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMP) and Health and Safety Plans according to local legislation and Applicable International Standards.

The selected firm must have the following Key Experts in its team:

1. **A Team Leader, Expert in Environmental and Social Audit:** Masters Degree in Environmental Science / Natural Science, Biodiversity, Social Sciences or other related disciplines. At least 10 years of confirmed post-qualification experience in environmental and social auditing and / or in the preparation and implementation of environmental and social safeguard documents with respect to the donor's safeguard policies such as the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, KfW and / or international standards in this area. In addition, he/her must have an excellent understanding of the principles of Environmental and Social auditing in the construction of linear infrastructure (Energy transport, roads etc.) supported by the completion of at least five (5) similar studies.
2. **A Hygiene, Health and Safety Expert:** Masters Degree in health and safety or other related discipline, must be ISO 45001:2018 or equivalent certified. At least 5 years of confirmed experience in Hygiene, Health and Safety (HHS) audit with reference to the Donors HHS policies of such as the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the European Investment Bank, KfW and / or international standards in this area. In addition, he/her must have an excellent understanding of the principles of Health Safety audit in the construction of linear infrastructure (energy transport, roads etc.) supported by the performance of at least three (3) similar missions.

Further information (Terms of Reference of the assignment) 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](mailto:mkeita@transcoclsg.org) with copy to [bbalde@transcoclsg.org](mailto:bbalde@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 March 31, 2023. Only shortlisted firms will be contacted.**

The address mentioned above is:

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