REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION)

LIBERIA

INTEGRATED PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REFORMS PROJECT (IPFMRP) II Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.:P163243

Assignment Title: RECRUITMENT OF A NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Reference No.: <u>IPFMRPII/C/IC/2.2.3.5AfDB</u>

The Government of Liberia has received financing from the World Bank, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the African Development Bank (AfDB) toward the cost of the Integrated Public Financial Management Reforms Project (IPFMRP) II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include

- 1. Will lead a wide range of technical activities including rigorous data collection and analyses of policy challenges that bordered on Liberia's system of economic governance in revenue generation and management vis-à-vis implementation of the Public Procurement Concession Act (PPCA) and Public Finance Management (PFM) Law and contribution to the national budget, as well as, the impact and necessity of the energy and concession/natural resource sectors.
- 2. Will also review and recommend appropriate strategies for effective resource mobilization efforts and their impact on rural dwellers as promulgated by the government development agenda.
- 3. Lead/initiate professional consultations, identify, and analyze key sector trends, market dynamics including those of the energy and concession/natural resource sector laws and regulations, and work with a core team to advise the Government of Liberia accordingly on specific investment priorities.
- 4. Critically assess the concession/natural resource sector revenue generation impacts on the national budget to determine if it's people-centered and recommend doable measures to ensure effectiveness in resource tracking.
- 5. Ensure development of a harmonized policy framework/plan on Liberia's natural resource, energy and concession sectors.
- 6. Provide professional inputs in the GC's collaborative work with other professional bodies, reform institutions and governance entities, civil society organizations (CSOs), private sector and international partners.

- 7. Work with the GC's team and provide substantive inputs during preparation of annual work plan for the EGU based on the Commission's 5 five year strategic plan.
- 8. Prepare inception and end of consulting service reports covering tasks.
- Perform other specific professional/technical tasks including to build the capacity of other professional staff in the employ of GC through knowledge transfer and skills building as deemed necessary by immediate supervisor and the Commission.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) now invites eligible individuals ("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. The shortlisting criteria are:

A. Qualification:

Ph.D. preferred; A minimum of a master degree or an equivalent level of experience in natural resource management/development, energy studies, political economy, international development, public policy analysis and forecasting

B. Experience:

- Must have worked for at least eight years or above in the employ of an international organization, semi-autonomous or public autonomous government entity.
- Must possess solid understanding of Liberia's economic-governance system with emphasis on revenue generation and management, the energy and concession/natural resource sectors
- Must possess strong policy analysis, policy options and implementation strategies skills in economic governance related issues i.e., rationalizing and harmonizing challenges and impacts of revenue generation on national budget, the energy and concession/natural resource sectors
- Must possess good interpersonal skills and willingness to work longer hours at times under extreme circumstances with stakeholders from diverse background, irrespective of political, ethnic, religious, cultural affiliations
- Must have worked in a post-conflict environment i.e., in Sub-Sahara Africa
- Must be computer literate in MS Word, MS Excel, PowerPoint Presentation, etc.
- Must be fluent in written and spoken English

The assignment is for three (3) Months.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Approved Selection Methods for Individual Consultants set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 0900 to 1700 hours

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 1700 hour on 4th July 2018.

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