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The Government of Liberia has received financing in the amount of US$10 million from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Liberia Urban Water Supply Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under this project. Bidding for contracts financed by the World Bank will be governed by its eligibility rules and procedures.

The project will include the following components:

**Component 1. Infrastructure Improvements (US$8 million):**

This component will fund infrastructure improvements, and the associated Consulting Services, which will include targeted repairs and rehabilitation of the existing distribution network. This will include repairs along key sections of transmission lines to reduce water loss and improve water flow within the network targeted areas.

In addition, the extension of transmission and distribution network within the targeted areas including through extended transmission lines new water kiosks and standpipes.

**Component 2. Capacity Building (US$2 million):**

The Project will fund initiatives to strengthen the Liberia Water & Sewer Corporation’s (LWSC) capacity to sustain and expand its services. These services will include:

**(A) Cost Recovery:** capacity-building effort will include the setting-up of District Metered Areas (DMA’s); staff training in Non-Renewable Water (NRA) monitoring, introduction of leak detection methods, and the introduction of device-assisted meter reading and associated staff training to replace the error-prone manual process.

**(B) Improve Customer Service:** The LWSC currently struggle to react swiftly to customer complaints and requests. The project thus seeks to review, retrain and re-equip the LWSC connection teams in line with an earlier pilot which managed to double the connection rate. The LWSC will also develop a rate-payment scheme to allow poorer households to finance connection fees over a longer period to increase demand.

**(C) Public Consultations:** The project will provide funding for public consultations (events and media) with two basic objectives. First, to inform residents in the project area regarding project activities and LWSC in general as well as providing them with an avenue to raise their concerns with management. Second, to carry out consultation with
women groups in the project areas in particular with respect to standpipe design and placement.

(D) **Key Operational Equipment:** The project will procure key operational equipment that is currently lacking and is required for smooth project implementation. The equipment includes but is not limited to: motor vehicles, excavators, leak detection equipment, meters spare parts etc. which will be critical for expanding metering and reducing physical NRW.

(E) **Support to Project Implementing Entity for Project Management:** This will include but not limited to: financing of financial audits, consulting services, monitoring and evaluation, training and operating cost.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits* (2014), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines. Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (2014).

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the World Bank’s international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures and for contracts for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in *UN Development Business* and *dgMarket* including the Executive Mansion’s Website at www.emansion.gov.lr; local newspapers etc.

Interested eligible contractors and consultants who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive a copy of advertisements, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below:

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