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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION INTEREST (REOI)

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Subject: Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for provision of Consulting Services to Conduct Feasibility Studies and ESIA for the Construction of modern fish processing factory in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County

Reference No.: NAFAA/IFSSP/QCBS/003/2025

Assignment Title: Recruitment of a Firm to Conduct Feasibility Studies and ESIA for the Construction of Modern Fish Processing Factory in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County

The Government of Liberia through the National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA) has received support from the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) towards the implementation of the “Integrated Fisheries Sector Strengthening Project (IFSSP)”, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards eligible payment of the services of a consulting firm for the conduct of feasibility studies and Environmental and Social Impact Assessments (ESIA) for the construction of a modern fish processing factory in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County.

NaFAA, through the IFSS Project, is soliciting the services of a qualified Consulting Firm or Consultant Consortia to conduct the feasibility studies and ESIA to achieve the following objectives:

1. assess the technical, economic, market, and operational feasibility of establishing a modern fish processing factory in Buchanan.
2. propose several options for the design and operation of the processing factory, including the governance arrangements to run the economic activities in a sustainable manner that provide shared benefits for all actors of the fisheries sector including small-scale operators.
3. develop a comprehensive Environmental and Social Impact Plan (ESMP) in accordance with national regulations and international best practices, ensuring the proposed project is environmentally and socially sustainable.

The National Fisheries and Aquaculture Authority (NaFAA), through the IFSS Project, now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in performing the Services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brief corporate profile, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.

Qualification Requirements and Composition of Study Team:

A. Feasibility Studies

In order to complete the feasibility study, the firm will assemble a multi-disciplinary team of technical design engineer, financial and economic, environmental and social, and Marine ecological and biodiversity experts with substantial experience (no less than 8 years) and adequate educational backgrounds (Master's degree and higher) who will ensure the services are carried out in a professional and timely manner. The leader of the feasibility studies shall have at least 15 years of experience, and 10 years of experience for other key staff in similar fisheries infrastructure development or related projects.

B. ESIA Studies

The minimum requirements for the firm for the ESIA studies are (i) the firm must be certified by the EPA and the firm must have shown recent and in-depth experience in preparing Environmental and social instruments and feasibility studies and must have successfully implemented at least one (1) similar project in the past 10 years. The firms shall ensure that staff deployed for this assignment possesses the required qualification and expertise in civil engineering, ecology, Environmental Impact Assessment and Management, occupational health and safety, sociology with established experience in the fisheries sector. The firm should also be conversant with Liberian Environmental Regulatory requirements and World Bank Environmental and Social Framework.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following websites:

a) www.nafaa.gov.lr

b) www.emansion.gov.lr

The attention of interested individual Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated September 2023 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. Please refer to paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations on conflict of interest related to this assignment which is available on the Bank's website.

A Consultancy Firm will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection Method (QCBS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0900 to 1600 hours GMT.

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 **Tuesday, July 14, 2025 @ 4:00PM GMT**

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