

Selection of Consultants – Request for Expressions of Interest

MOZAMBIQUE

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR OPGW SUPPLY AND INSTALLATIONS ON EXISTING HV OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES

CONSULTING SERVICES

Expressions of Interest

The *Hydroeléctrica de Cahora Bassa (HCB)* has received a financing from *Agence Française de Développement (“AFD”)*, and intends to use part of the funds thereof for payments under the following project of *Supply and Installation of OPGW in Existing Overhead Transmission Lines*

The Services of the consultant shall consist of:

- *Phase 1 – Survey, Analysis and Preparation of the Terms of Reference for the replacement of existing overhead transmission line earthwith with an optical ground wire (OPGW) and installation of fiber optic terminal equipment in the affected substations, including any repeat station;*
- *Phase 2- Preparation of bidding documents and Assistance to the Procurement Process for Contractor Selection; and,*
- *Phase 3 - Supervision of the contract execution that includes the witness of OPGW factory acceptance tests (FAT), onsite installations and testing and, installation and commissioning of the end-to-end telecommunications.*

The *HCB* hereby invites Applicants to show their interest in delivering the Services described above.

This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to:

- Consulting firms

Eligibility criteria to AFD financing are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the “Procurement Guidelines for AFD Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries”, available online on AFD’s website:

<http://www.afd.fr>.

The Applicant shall submit only one application, either in its own name or as a member of a Joint Venture (JV). If an Applicant (including any JV member) submits or participates in more than one application, those applications shall be all rejected. However, the same Subconsultant may participate in several applications.

If the Applicant is a JV, the expression of interest shall include:

- a copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members,

- a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the Agreement proposal,

In the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as Subconsultants.

Experiences and qualifications of Subconsultants are not taken into account in the evaluation of the applications.

Interested Applicants must provide information evidencing that they are qualified and experienced to perform those Services. For that purpose, documented evidence of recent and similar services shall be submitted.

Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on:

- The contracts size;
- The nature of the Services: detailed technical studies and work supervision;
- The technical area and expertise: HV overhead transmission lines construction, OPGW Installation and testing, Utility telecommunications installation and commissioning;
- The location: Southern Africa region, and Portuguese/English-Speaking Country.

Among the submitted applications, HCB will shortlist a maximum of six (6) Applicants, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the Services shall be sent.

The Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the address below no later than **26/09/2023**.

- HCB Hidroeléctrica de Cahora Bassa, SA
- P.Box 263,
- Mozambique, Songo – Tete
- Telephone: +258 252 80000, +258 252 82220
- E-mail: **tender-optical-ground-wire@hcb.co.mz**

Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours:

- From 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- E-mail: **tender-optical-ground-wire@hcb.co.mz**
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