



**MINISTRY OF LANDS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
Plot 13/15 Parliament Avenue P.O Box 7096 Kampala**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CONSULTANCY  
SERVICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL AUDIT FOR BATCH 1 ROADS AND  
ASSOCIATED AUXILIARY FACILITIES IN BULIISA AND HOIMA DISTRICTS**

**Reference No: MLHUD/ARSDP/CONS /20-21/00053/1**

**1. Background;**

The Government of Uganda (GoU) secured funding from the World Bank (IDA) for implementing the Albertine Region Sustainable Development Project (ARSDP) in the Albertine region. The Project's aim was to improve regional and local access to infrastructure, markets and skills development in the Albertine Region with the overarching view of promoting inclusive and sustainable development and facilitate accrue ment of the benefits from oil production.

The Ministry is desirous of engaging a consultancy firm to undertake an Environmental and Social Audit for the on-going Batch 1 sub-projects and associated auxiliary facilities (details in Annex 1). The Consultant shall identify feasible remedial and improvement measures for avoiding, minimizing or mitigating adverse impacts, or for enhancing beneficial or positive impacts during civil works. The consultant shall then prepare an Environmental and Social Audit (ESA) Report for consideration by MLHUD, and for the attention of the World Bank. The remedial and improvement shall be incorporated in the Environmental and Social Improvement Plan (ESIP) which shall be part of the ESA report. The ESA Report shall be submitted to the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).

**1.1. Objectives of the consultancy assignment**

The main objective of the audit is to appraise all project activities, including the pre-construction activities, construction activities and forthcoming operational and maintenance activities while taking into consideration environmental and social regulatory frameworks & standards, environmental health & safety measures and sustainable use of natural resources.

**Specifically, the ESA shall focus on the following:**

- a) To assess batch 1 sub- projects compliance with environment and social regulations and standards (ecological degradations, emissions, effluent, waste, labour, health and safety etc.).
  - b) To identifying areas of weakness and problems in the established systems and recommend improvement measures (with plan for restoration and compensation of damages or liabilities caused by the project operations).
  - c) To assess the level of compliance to ESIA recommendations and level of performance of its ESMPs, associated C-ESMPs and other national and World Bank statutory requirements.
  - d) Assess adequacy of Management and Operational systems in terms of management structures, staffing, operational policies and codes of conduct for E&S.
2. The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services.
  3. Interested Consultants should provide information in form of brochures, company profiles, etc., demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The Consultants should indicate their interest in providing the Services by responding to this request for expression of interest.
  4. The Expression of Interest will be evaluated based on the Public Procurement and Disposal Act and Regulations (2003 and as amended) and each Firm will need to submit **5 copies** of the documents (**soft copy [PDF] & hard copy**).
  5. The short listing criteria:  
Firms shall be evaluated based on the following criteria:
    - (i) Eligibility requirements including:
      - a. Valid practicing and/or trading license 2020 or its equivalent,
      - b. Certificate of incorporation or Registration and all other legal documents
      - c. All Company legal documents including Memorandum and Articles of Association.
    - (ii) Evidence of at least 05 (five) years of similar consultancy experience in Environmental and Social Audits;
    - (iii) Evidence of having completed 05 (five) Environmental and Social audit assignments for donor or government funded infrastructure projects in Uganda or in any developing country. The consultant shall provide evidence of submission of completed ESA reports to the relevant agencies;
    - (iv) Presence of skills among the consultant’s personnel and in adequate numbers in the following areas:
      - a. Team Leader / Certified Environment Auditor**  
Bachelor’s Degree and Master’s Degree in any of the following: Environmental, Natural Sciences, Engineering, Social Sciences or other related disciplines; Must be registered with NEMA as an Environment

Audit Team Leader (if registered with other foreign statutory body, should be eligible to practice in Uganda); Eight (08) years' of demonstrated experience working as an Environment Auditor at the national or regional level; three of which should have been as an Audit Team Leader; Past experience of 05 years in conducting audits in donor funded infrastructure projects within Uganda or similar settings.

**b. Natural Resources Management Expert**

Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Management, Forestry, Natural Resources, Botany, Ethnobotany or Zoology or a related field; Master's Degree in any of the above or related disciplines; The expert should be registered Environment Auditor with NEMA or an equivalent body in his/her country and duly authorized to carry out such work in Uganda; Eight years of relevant experience working on environmental & social audits; Experience of five years in conducting audits in donor-funded infrastructure projects.

**c. Social Development Expert**

Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Development Studies, or other Social Sciences with bias in Anthropology, Sociology, Social Administration, Community Psychology and other related disciplines; Master's Degree in any of the above disciplines; 08 years' general experience of implementing or supervising social development projects; Experience of 05 years of conducting social audits or evaluations on donor funded infrastructure projects.

**d. Health & Safety Expert**

Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health, Public Health, Community Health, Industrial & Organisational Psychology, Safety Engineering or related field; Possession of Diploma OR a recognized professional qualification in Occupational Safety & Health; 05 years relevant experience in the implementation of health & safety requirements in the construction industry.

6. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. However the EOI should specify the nature of association i.e. whether joint venture or sub-consultancy.
7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.
8. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from **08:00 to 17:00 hours (Local Time)**:  
The Head of Procurement and Disposal Unit  
**Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development,**  
**First Floor, Room 17 Parliament Avenue,**  
**Kampala- Uganda**  
**Telephone +256 414 345298**  
**E-mail: [pdumlhud@gmail.com](mailto:pdumlhud@gmail.com),**
9. Written Expressions of Interest must be delivered physically or by courier to the address above by **10:00 am** on **10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**.

10. The detailed notice of expression of interest is available at the Entity's website at [www.mlhud.go.ug](http://www.mlhud.go.ug) and at [www.ppda.go.go/tenderportal](http://www.ppda.go.go/tenderportal)

**11. Proposed Schedule**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)	<b>27<sup>th</sup> August 2020</b>
Closing Date for Submission of (EOI)	<b>10<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b>
Short listing and process and necessary approvals	<b>30<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b>
Issuance of RFP	<b>7<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
Pre-Bid Conference	<b>15<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
Closing Date for Submission of Proposals	<b>27<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>
Evaluation of Technical and Financial Proposals	<b>27<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>
Negotiations and contracting	<b>15<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>

D.W. Okalany  
**Permanent Secretary**