

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SELECTION # 1261158

This Request for Expression of Interest is for a Firm Selection. Please log in as a valid Firm User if you wish to express interest in this selection.

Selection Information

Assignment Title	Lighting Africa/Global: Quality Assurance Manager under ACE Program
Publication Date	08-Feb-2019
Expression of Interest Deadline	23-Feb-2019 at 11:59:59 PM (Eastern Time – Washington D.C.)
Language of Notice	English

Selection Notice

Assignment Country	No Countries Assigned
Funding Sources	The World Bank Group intends to finance the assignment/services under: BB - BANK BUDGET TF0A9509 - Energy Access SSA
Individual/Firm	The consultant will be a firm.

Assignment Description

SELECTION FOR CONSULTANTS BY THE WORLD BANK GROUP

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ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW

Assignment Title: 1261158 - Lighting Africa/Global: Quality Assurance Manager under ACE Program

Assignment Countries:
Sub-Saharan Africa

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

Lighting Africa/Global program is a joint IFC/World Bank initiative that seeks to build sustainable markets for affordable, high quality, modern solar lighting and energy products for people not connected to grid electricity.

There are, however, impediments in many markets in Sub-Saharan Africa that must be addressed to enable growth of the sector in the region. One key barrier is the lack of quality standards that has resulted in markets being flooded by low quality products thus undermining consumer confidence.

In response to these market failures, working with UK's Department for International Development (DFID), the program has developed the Africa Clean Energy (ACE) program which has the objective of addressing a host of market barriers that have served to make these markets unattractive to potential manufacturers and distributors.

Lighting Global is therefore looking for a firm to implement the quality assurance component and activities under the ACE program.

ELIGIBILITY

The consultant will be a firm.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The World Bank Group now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. for firms; CV and cover letter for individuals). Please note that the total size of all attachments should be less than 5MB. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

Interested firms are hereby invited to submit expressions of interest.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted, in English, electronically through World Bank Group eConsultant2 (<https://wbgeconsult2.worldbank.org/wbgec/index.html>)

NOTES

Following this invitation for Expression of Interest, a shortlist of qualified firms will be formally invited to submit proposals. Shortlisting and selection will be subject to the availability of funding.

Only those firms which have been shortlisted will receive notification. No debrief will be provided to firms which have not been shortlisted.

Attachments

[Optional TOR File](#)

Qualification Criteria

1. At least 5 years experience in management of quality standards and product certification programs, especially in relation to off-grid solar products and appliances and/or equipment used in an off-grid setting. *
2. Substantive experience in engagement with government agencies on topics related to quality standards adoption and implementation; this experience should include prior work in countries in Sub-Saharan Africa over the last 5 years. *
3. Demonstrated knowledge of international practices related to quality standards and test methods management including prior engagement with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) or other similar organizations. *
4. Detailed knowledge of standards and test methods used in the off-grid solar sector, including the Lighting Global Quality Standards and the test methods in IEC Technical Specification 62257-9-5. *
5. Minimum of 3 years experience in capacity building / technical training for test laboratories and specifically, experience training test laboratories to carry out tests according to IEC Technical Specification 62257-9-5. *
6. Thorough understanding of and experience of prior work using test laboratory accreditation processes such as ISO 17025. *
7. Experience in working with the private sector on policy reforms and a deep appreciation and demonstrated success in the engagement process. *
8. Expertise in undertaking similar assignments demonstrated by successful project/s completed. *

* - *Mandatory*

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Shortlisted consultants will be invited to respond to a Request for Proposal. Contract awards will be made in accordance with the World Bank Group Procurement Policies and Procedures.