

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SELECTION # 1263979

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	Zimbabwe - National Multi-Tier framework Energy Access Household Energy Survey
Publication Date	05-Aug-2019
Expression of Interest Deadline	20-Aug-2019 at 11:59:59 PM (Eastern Time – Washington D.C.)
Language of Notice	English

Selection Notice

Assignment Country	ZW - Zimbabwe
Funding Sources	The World Bank Group intends to finance the assignment/services under: BB - BANK BUDGET TF0A7879 - Global Survey for Multi-Tier Energy Access Tracking 2
Individual/Firm	The consultant will be a firm.

Assignment Description

SELECTION FOR CONSULTANTS BY THE WORLD BANK GROUP

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Electronic Submissions through World Bank Group eConsultant2
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ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW

Assignment Title: 1263979 - Zimbabwe - National Multi-Tier framework Energy Access Household Energy Survey

Assignment Countries:
- Zimbabwe

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

The World Bank-ESMAP team, in collaboration with Ministry of Energy and Power Development, and the Zimbabwe National Statistical agency (ZIMSTAT) is launching the first Global Energy Access Household Survey in Zimbabwe to set a baseline for tracking progress towards Sustainable Energy for Alls (SE4All) Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 7: access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable modern energy by 2030.

According to World Bank data, access to electricity in Zimbabwe has remained stagnant and marginally decreased from 43.4% to 40.4% between 2009-2017 . Between 1992 to 2009, it steadily increased to serve 28.2% to 43.4% of the population. However, this access is concentrated in urban areas (78%) with rural areas remaining extremely underserved (16%) . Supply shortages due to over-dependence on hydro dams with low generation capacity and higher drought occurrences have acted to constrain further grid expansion; those already connected to the grid often suffer from poor reliability and quality of supply. Additionally, only 29.1% of the population is thought to have access to non-solid fuels for cooking by 2016. Pollution from solid fuel stoves causes eye problems and respiratory diseases in addition to environmental harm. This survey will collect data to determine how to close the gap in access to electricity and increase use of improved cooking solutions and non-solid fuels so that Zimbabwe progress towards the SDG energy objectives.

A reputed firm with extensive experience in household surveys is sought to conduct the baseline survey on energy access in Zimbabwe using the World Bank multi-tier framework approach to track progress towards SDG7. The survey will be nationally representative and will be administered in both urban and rural localities and will also include community surveys. The firm will work with the World Bank-ESMAP to pre-test, finalize, and implement the survey. Data collection should be carefully monitored to ensure high-quality information. The firm will provide capacity building to Ministry of Energy and Power Development and Zimbabwe National Statistical agency (ZIMSTAT) to ensure continuity on tracking of energy indicators. After completing the fieldwork, the firm will deliver the final dataset and summary report to the World Bank-ESMAP. Additional details on the scope of work will be available in the Terms of Reference (TOR).

Interested firms should provide a brief summary of their qualifications to perform the services (MAX 10 pages). The short-listing criteria will be based on:

1. Experience in household surveys in Sub-Saharan Africa, and specific experience in Zimbabwe;
2. Experience in the energy sector and other areas of infrastructure (e.g., water and sanitation);

3. In-depth understanding of the energy access sector and its socio-economic dimensions;
4. Strong technical skills in qualitative/quantitative research and data analysis;
5. Proven skill in using CAPI-tablet based data collection (Survey Solutions);
6. Cultural awareness in dealing with local communities, and interacting with government and local authorities; and
7. Excellent writing, analytical, and presentation skills in English

Preferences will be giving to local or international firms with knowledge of Zimbabwe's energy sector and the general socio-economic context. International firms are encouraged to team up with local partners. The assignment is expected to start in September 2019 and be completed by December 2019.

Short-listed firms will be invited to submit a full technical and financial proposal for the final selection round.

ELIGIBILITY

The consultant will be a firm.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Interested firms should provide a brief summary of their qualifications to perform the services (MAX 10 pages). 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.

Qualification Criteria

1. Provide information showing that they are qualified in the field of the assignment. *
2. Provide information on the technical and managerial capabilities of the firm. *
3. Provide information on the qualifications of key staff. *

* - *Mandatory*

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.