

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SELECTION # 1272548

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	Closing Gender Gaps in the Ethiopia Off-Grid Energy Sector
Publication Date	22-Jan-2021
Expression of Interest Deadline	15-Feb-2021 at 11:59:59 PM (Eastern Time – Washington D.C.)
Language of Notice	English

Selection Notice

Assignment Country	ET - Ethiopia
Funding Sources	The World Bank Group intends to finance the assignment/services under: BB - BANK BUDGET TF0B1741 - Supporting Improved Service Delivery for Universal Electrification
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
<https://wbgeconsult2.worldbank.org/wbgec/index.html>

ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW

Assignment Title: 1272548 - Closing Gender Gaps in the Ethiopia Off-Grid Energy Sector

Assignment Countries:
- Ethiopia

ASSIGNMENT DESCRIPTION

Scoping in-country has revealed important opportunities for gender equality in the energy sector and an identified need and opportunity to increase women's participation in the sector e.g. fostering female entrepreneurship, expanding access to finance for women entrepreneurs and consumers, and supporting women to engage in productive and income-generating activities in the sector, etc. Under the Access to Electricity and Lighting in Ethiopia (ADELE, P171742) project that is currently being designed by the World Bank (WB), a focus is being placed on mapping relevant gender gaps and creating dialogue and buy-in for programs that could be designed to enhance gender equality in the energy sector in Ethiopia across various stakeholders such as the Development Bank of Ethiopia, MFIs, industry association, female business associations, cooperative associations and unions, etc.

While initial opportunities have been identified to develop a gender equality strategy for off-grid sector at the enterprise and customer level, there is a need to validate the gaps through more detailed primary and secondary research. This research will then inform a series of actions that can address the main challenges affecting women's participation in the sector. The WB seeks to hire the services of a firm ('Consultant') to undertake research and provide advisory support based on the scope described above and the objectives mentioned below. The assignment is part of the WB technical assistance to the Government of Ethiopia (GoE). As project preparation evolves and more information become available from Government, the World Bank and other stakeholders, tasks under this assignment might have to be revisited and adjusted accordingly and as necessary. The technical assistance is financed by the PublicPrivate Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF).

FUNDING SOURCE

The World Bank Group intends to finance the assignment / services described below under the following:

- BANK BUDGET
- Supporting Improved Service Delivery for Universal Electrification

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility restrictions apply:
None

INDIVIDUAL / FIRM PROFILE

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). Expressions of Interest (including all Annexes and Attachments, and in regular font) should be in a single document and 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. 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 their core business and years in business. *
4. 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.