

**WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL (WAPP)**  
**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**

**LIBERIA**  
**WAPP INTEGRATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT**

**Grant No: IDA - D2440**

**Assignment Title: Technical Assistance to support Liberia in the Development of St. Paul River / Via Reservoir Reference No : MOF-REF-11**

The WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL (WAPP) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Integration and Technical Assistance Project (P113266)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include a **Technical Assistance to support Liberia in the Development of St. Paul River / Via Reservoir Project**. The overall objective of the Technical Assistance is to provide Institutional Strengthening and to support regional and local authorities in every steps of the preparation, procurement, and supervision of the pre-investment studies for the next hydropower generation project, including the development of a capacity building plan for key identified stakeholders and the coordination of all required activities to ensure the timely delivery of the project in a sustainable manner.

In order to do so, the International Consultant selected for the Technical Assistance will work in close collaboration with WAPP’s project team to leverage the available resources within the Liberian Focal Team and their parent entities to strengthen the technical and managerial capabilities in the electricity sector, and to provide a sound foundation for the empowerment of Liberians Institutions.

In specific terms, the Consultant will be requested to mobilize skilled expertise and resources in order to execute all tasks in the following three types of activities: (a) Organizational Activities; (b) Project Preparation & Supervision of Studies, and (c) Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening. The contract is expected to be awarded in January 2019. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following WAPP website:

**<http://www.ecowapp.org/en/tenders>**

The WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Knowledge of the Electricity Sector in West Africa as well as hydropower developments and transmission in the region. Familiarity with the Electricity Sector of Liberia, WAPP organization and the objectives of the CLSG project will be an advantage.
2. Strong expertise and experience in the preparation of hydropower generation projects with particular emphasis on pre-investment studies at preliminary (reconnaissance) and prefeasibility levels, geotechnical field investigations, and feasibility studies for hydropower

plants and large reservoirs. Previous experience in Sub-Saharan Africa, in energy system planning, and in the optimization of cascade development will be considered favorably.

3. Relevant experience and competences in institutional strengthening, capacity building, mentoring and staff training, as well as data management. Proven experience of delivering of these skills in challenging environment will be an added advantage.
4. Availability of managerial and training staff with relevant technical expertise and demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills. Fluency in English is required while working knowledge of French would be desirable. The ability to work effectively in challenging environment where the various interests of several stakeholders need to be reconciled will also be an asset.
5. Capacity to mobilize relevant experts to work locally in Liberia as needed over an estimated period of 2 years starting in January 2019.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (January 2011- Revised July 2014) ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the "Quality and Cost-based Selection" method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained via mail addressed to:

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form (English) to the address below in person, by **November 13, 2018, 10:00 am Cotonou time (original, 4 hard copies + an electronic version)**.

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Expressions of Interest must be delivered in sealed envelopes bearing the mention: "**EOI for Technical Assistance to support Liberia in the Development of Power Generation.**"

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