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ZAMBIA INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AUTHORITY

PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

ZICTA/EOI/07/19: REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO CONDUCT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF 20 GSM COMMUNICATION TOWERS IN SELECTED UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF ZAMBIA

1.0 Introduction

The Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") is responsible for the regulation of electronic communication services and products, and monitoring of the performance of the ICT sector, including the levels of investment and the availability, quality, cost and standards of the electronic communication services in Zambia.

The Authority Procurement Committee now invites expressions of interest from eligible and qualified consulting firms to undertake an environmental impact assessment for the proposed construction of twenty (20) GSM communication towers in selected unserved and underserved areas of Zambia. The project will be financed from the Universal Access and Service Fund Budget.

Consulting firms may associate to enhance their qualifications and expertise.

2.0 Objectives

The general objective of the assignment is conduct an assessment of the social and environmental risks and impact, including but not limited to the following:

- a. To ascertain the demographic distribution of the affected communities and henceforth identify and evaluate the social and environmental risks and impacts of the proposed Project;
- b. To propose a mitigation hierarchy to anticipate and avoid, or where avoidance is not possible, minimize,

compensate for or offset risks and impacts to workers, affected communities and the environment; and

- c. Disseminate relevant environmental and social information of the project to affected communities and other stakeholders on issues that could potentially affect them, and ensure that views from the affected communities and external communications from stakeholders are appropriately incorporated in the mitigation plan.

3.0 Scope of the Assignment

The process shall comprise a limited, focused and site-specific social and environmental impact assessment. The scope of the risks and impact identification process must comply with the regulatory requirements of the Environmental Protection and Pollution Control Act (EPPCA) No.12 of 1990 and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations No.28 of 1997.

The risks and impacts identification process shall be based on recent social and environmental baseline data at appropriate levels of detail as documented in respective district profiles/situation analysis reports and the ZAWA General Management Plans for respective Wildlife Protected areas. Environmental and social risks and impact shall be identified in the context of the Project's area of influence.

These areas of influence encompass:

- a. The area (dimensions) likely to be affected by the project and mobile operators' activities, assets and facilities that will be owned, operated and managed as components of the project;
- b. Associated facilities existing in the area not owned and operated by mobile operators but without which the project would not be viable; and
- c. Areas where project activities may directly or indirectly impact on biodiversity or on an ecosystem services upon which affected communities' livelihoods are dependent.

4.0 Requirements

Interested firms should provide information indicating that they are qualified to undertake the assignment by submitting their detailed information on the following:

- a. company profile with at least five years of relevant experience in environmental and social impact assessments;
- b. must be registered (or in consortium with a company registered) in Zambia supported by certificate(s) of Incorporation/registration;
- c. International consulting firms must partner with local firms to be deemed eligible.

- d. evidence of financial capability to undertake a project of this magnitude;

- e. evidence of technical and managerial capability to undertake the assignment demonstrated through description of similar assignments;

- f. evidence of 2019 membership to the relevant professional bodies;

- g. availability of appropriate skill by providing bio-data of key personnel to be involved and other relevant particulars;

- h. All documentation must be prepared and submitted in the English language; and

- i. Demonstrate experience in a developing country on similar assignments.

Details for Submission

The expressions of interest should be submitted in sealed envelopes, clearly marked, "**Request for Expressions of Interest for the provision of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for 20 GSM Communication Towers**" addressed to the Director General, Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority, and must be deposited in the Tender Box at the Head Office, P.O Box 36871, Lusaka, situated at the corner of the United Nations and Independence Avenue, Lusaka, Zambia.

The telephone number is +260 21 1 378 200 and the email is procurement@zicta.zm. **HOWEVER, TELEFAX AND/OR ELECTRONIC EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The closing date for receipt of expressions of interest is **Thursday, July 4, 2019 at 10:00 hours local time.** Any submission received later than the time and date indicated above shall not be considered.

The shortlisted applicants shall be requested to submit detailed technical and financial proposals based on terms of reference to be issued to them.

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