

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

UGANDA

INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

LOAN NUMBER P163782

ASSIGNMENT TITLE:

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR ASSESSING AND MANAGING THE USE OF GROUNDWATER RESOURCES AND DEVELOPING A STRATEGY AND POLICY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF GROUNDWATER RESOURCES IN UGANDA

(REFERENCE NO. MWE/CONS/19-20/00020)

The Government of Uganda (GoU) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Integrated Water Management and Development Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for **Assessing and Managing the Use of Groundwater Resources and Developing a Strategy and Policy for Sustainable Development and Management of Groundwater Resources in Uganda**

The consulting services (“the Services”) include (i) undertaking a detailed assessment of the availability (quantity and quality), distribution and demand for groundwater resources in different hydrogeological terrains in Uganda, (ii) identifying threats and pressures and assessing potential impacts of human activities and climate change on groundwater resources, both spatially and in time, including mapping of hot spot locations where key extreme pressures are likely to be experienced, (iii) proposing strategies to address the identified threats and pressures so as to ensure sustainable development, protection and management of groundwater resources in Uganda to support various activities, and (iv) developing guidelines, strategy and policy for holistic and sustainable development, protection and management of groundwater resources in Uganda.

The implementation period of the assignment is 36 months and is expected to commence in April 2020.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be accessed at <https://www.mwe.go.ug/library/tendersprocurement>.

The Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants should provide sufficient information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria for the firm’s capability and experience are:

1. A Minimum of ten (10) years of core business as a consultant in undertaking Water resources related planning, for sustainable management and development.
2. Submit the firm's organogram to demonstrate the firm's technical and managerial capability.
3. Experience of at least three (3) similar assignments of similar scope, nature and value
4. Experience in similar conditions with at least two (2) projects in Sub-Saharan Africa or other countries in the world at similar level of development as Sub-Saharan Africa.
5. Presence of appropriate skills among staff in the areas Integrated water resources management; Groundwater Resources Assessment, Groundwater Resources Policy/Regulation, project management; stakeholder engagement; Groundwater Resource Systems Modelling; economic and financial analysis of Groundwater related projects; and environmental safeguards & social safeguards management. (Please do not submit CVs and bio data of experts).

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' July 2016 revised November 2018 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** method set out in the World Bank procurement regulation.

Expressions of interest (**One original plus three copies**) must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by courier, or by e-mail) by **November 14, 2019**.

The packages must be clearly marked "**Expression of Interest for Assessing and Managing the Use of Groundwater Resources and Developing a Strategy and Policy for Sustainable Development and Management of Groundwater Resources in Uganda**"

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