



SIERRA LEONE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY,
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INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
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PROCUREMENT REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI) FOR
CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO DEVELOP SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE
POLICY AND LEGISLATION

Background

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Islamic Corporation for Development (ICD) and the Minister of Finance and Economic Development of the Republic of Sierra Leone representing the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL). Through the MOU, ICD will assist the GoSL for the conceptualization and implementation of special Economic Zones Project. A project proposal was later developed by ICD and endorsed by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) as executing agency.

Source of funding:

The Sierra Leone Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) have received funds from the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and Islamic Corporation for the Development of the private sector (ICD). It intends to apply the proceeds of these funds to draft a Legislation for the establishment of Special Economic Zone (SEZ) underpinned by best practice SEZ policy, which together will guide the development of SEZ in Sierra Leone.

Objective of the Assignment:

A project was developed by ICD and endorsed by MTI. The objective is to draft a SEZ legislation underpinned by a best-practice SEZ policy, which together will guide the development of SEZ in Sierra Leone. The policy and law should promote private sector friendly zone development schemes and offer the best environment to attract investors. In the meantime, it should offer Sierra Leone zone investment opportunities when net economic benefit and public interest is determined.

The Government of Sierra Leone, through the Ministry of Trade and Industry will recruit a consulting firm (or association of firms) to support research, workshop, policy and legislation design, as well as other agreed-upon activities. The firm will provide the inputs to introduce international best practices, provide in-depth knowledge and recommendations, and advice on policy options, challenges, and knowledge solutions that will be part of the Sierra Leone SEZ Act.

Duration of the Assignment:

The consultant is expected to work for a maximum period of twelve (12) months.

Selection criteria:

The firm will be selected through a short list of reputable international consultancy firms with extensive experience and demonstrated track record in providing advice on SEZ policy and legislation design to African Governments. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued out to the shortlisted firms.

The shortlist of firms will be prepared based on the following criteria, in compliance with the Public Procurement Regulations of Sierra Leone:

- a) The consultant is not subject to the boycott Regulations of the Organisation of the Islamic cooperation, the League of Arab States and African Union,
- b) The consultant has a good reputation as a professional body and reputation for maintaining a satisfactory client-consultant relationship, or in the case of a beneficiary with a developing consulting industry, the consultant presents satisfactory credentials and competence necessary to carry out the assignment,
- c) The consultant's past experience and performance in the particular field of service is satisfactory,
- d) On a case by case basis and depending on the scope and complexity of the assignment, the financial ability of the consultant may be taken into account. The longevity of the consultant in the international arena is one measure of its stability and a good indicator of continued solvency throughout the period of services.
- e) The consultant shall be free from conflicts of interest.

Closing date:

Interested participants are expected to send Expression of Interest in a written form to the address below in person or e-mail, not later than Wednesday November 30, 2016 (from the date of re-issuing this advert, i.e. 22nd November, 2016) at the following email address:

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