



## WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL

### SYSTEME D'ECHANGES D'ENERGIE ELECTRIQUE OUEST AFRICAIN

#### North Core Project | Projet Dorsale Nord

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (CONSULTANCY SERVICES - SELECTION OF FIRMS)

**Countries:** Nigeria, Republic of Niger, Republic of Benin and Burkina Faso  
**Project:** WAPP - North Core Power Interconnection Project  
**Funding:** IDA Credit 6342-NG, IDA Grants 392-BF & 394-NE  
**Title of the Assignment:** Audit of the Resettlement Action Plans (RAP) of the North Core Project.  
**Référence :** AUDIT PAR-PROJET DORSALE NORD  
**Date :** June 17, 2024

**1. The Governments of Nigeria, Niger, Benin and Burkina Faso** financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the the 330 kV Electrical Interconnection Project known as the "North Core Project" and to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services to carry out the audit of the implementation of the Resettlement Action Plans (RAP) of the Project.

The Project consists of the construction of a 330 kV transmission line over approximately 880 km linking Kalgo in Nigeria to Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso, via Niamey and Zabori in Niger Republic, with a segment linking the Zabori substation to the Malanville substation in Benin Republic, as well as associated substations.

#### 2. Scope

The consulting services ("the Services") include audit of the performance and level of compliance of the implementation of the Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) of the Project with the provisions and instruments of social safeguards both agreed, approved and published within the framework of the Project.

The consultant will work in collaboration with the Project's Central Management Unit in Abuja, as well as with the Project's Local Management Units (UGLP) in each country, partner NGOs and supporting bodies such as the National Monitoring Committees (CNS/CNA), Local Monitoring Committees (CLS) and Community Complaints Resolution Committees (CRP-C). The aim is to audit the implementation of the resettlement measures set out in each Resettlement Action Plan (RAP). This involves verifying whether the implementation of the RAPs complies with the original and updated provisions, assessing the level of implementation, examining stakeholder consultation and participation, assessing the management of complaints, verifying compensation for affected people and vulnerable groups, and proposing corrective measures where necessary. The consultant will also review monitoring and evaluation arrangements and ensure that documentary evidence is available to support compensation.

#### 3. Timeframe

The total duration of the assignment is estimated at between 45 and 60 calendar days, depending on the audited country, as follows:

- Benin RAP implementation audit: 45 calendar days;
- Nigeria RAP implementation audit: 45 calendar days;
- Burkina Faso RAP implementation audit: 60 calendar days;
- Niger RAP implementation audit: 60 calendar days.

The mission is scheduled to start in November 2024.

#### 4. Termes de Référence

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment, when requested will be sent to the following email address :

[procurement@wappnorthcore.org](mailto:procurement@wappnorthcore.org) copy  
[info@wappnorthcore.org](mailto:info@wappnorthcore.org).

#### 5. Consultants' qualifications and shortlisting criteria

The WAPP North Core Project invites eligible Consultants to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information indicating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are based on the candidates' general and specific experience defined as follows:

- Be a Consulting Firm or group of Consulting Firms must have at least ten (10) years of practical experience in RAP development, implementation and RAP auditing assignments.
- Demonstrate experience in conducting environmental and social compliance audits, and/ or in implementing Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) audits, in environmental and social studies, or in preparing and/or

managing the implementation of Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) for projects, particularly those financed by AFD, AfDB and/or World bank.

- The consultant must not have previously taken part in an environmental and/or social study or assessment assignment for the WAPP-North Core Project.

The Key Personnel required to carry out the assignment **will not be** evaluated at this stage.

Evaluation criteria		Scoring	Scores
<b>1. General Consultant Qualification</b>			<b>10</b>
Experience in RAP development, implementation and RAP auditing assignments	Ten or more years	10	<b>10</b>
	Between 5 and 10 years	5	
	Between 3 and 5 years	3	
	Less than 3 years	0	
<b>2. Qualification and skills for the mission</b>			<b>80</b>
2.1 Experience in conducting RAP audits or in preparing and/or managing the implementation of ESIA's, RAPs and ESMPs:			<b>50</b>
- <b>Audits:</b> Number of RAP audits carried out in the last ten years - 30pts (6 pts per audit)			
- <b>Other assignments</b> (RAP, ESMP, ESIA): Number of missions - 20pts (4 pts per mission carried out over the last 10 years)			
2.2 Experience in carrying out missions financed by the project's donors (AFD, AfDB or WB):			<b>30</b>
- <b>Audits:</b> Number of audits carried out over the last ten years - 20pts (4 pts per audit)			
- <b>Other missions</b> (RAP, ESMP, ESIA): Number of missions - 10pts (2 pts per mission carried out over the last 10 years)			
<b>3. Relevant countries' experience</b>			<b>10</b>
Experience in social safeguard missions in West African countries - 10 pts (2pts per experience)			<b>10</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>100</b>

The minimum score required to be eligible is 70 points /100.

Consultants scoring 70/100 or above will be ranked for the purpose of establishing the shortlist on the basis of which the selected consultants will be invited to submit their proposals.

**6.** 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 in November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

**7.** 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.

**8.** A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Cost and Quality Based Selection ("CQBS") method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

**9.** Further information can be obtained at the following email address : [procurement@wappnorthcore.org](mailto:procurement@wappnorthcore.org) copy [info@wappnorthcore.org](mailto:info@wappnorthcore.org).

**10.** Expressions of interest must be submitted in writing in **French**, in electronic form (PDF format) to the above e-mail address, no later than **July 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., GMT + 1**. The subject of the e-mail must be clearly marked: "Audit PAR- Projet Dorsale Nord".