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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL SELECTION)

LIBERIA INTEGRATED PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REFORMS PROJECT (IPFMRP) II

Loan No. /Credit No. / Grant No.: P163243

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: TECHNICAL SUPPORT IN ASSESSING THE MINERAL GRADE CONTROL PROGRAMS USED BY MINERAL PRODUCERS IN LIBERIA

Reference No. : IPFMRP/IC/CS/2.1.3AfDB

The Government of Liberia has received financing from the World Bank, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the African Development Bank (AfDB) toward the cost of the Integrated Public Financial Management Reforms Project (IPFMRP) II, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

1. Provide intelligence on the various smuggling schemes used by operators in the informal mining sector;
2. Work alongside designated anti-smuggling staff to carry out reconnaissance on smuggling activities in mining;
3. Update LRA management on the evolving trends in smuggling of minerals;
4. Advise LRA management of any mitigation measures to curb/reduce mineral smuggling;
5. Assist in intelligence gathering including collection of support documentation and evidence;
6. Liaise with the Ministry of Lands, Mines and Energy (LME) to ensure that all class C and class B miners are appropriately taxed;
7. Gather information on the mining activities of class C and class B miners and refer cases eligible for income tax registration and payment to the manager Natural Resource Tax Unit (NRTS);
8. In consultation with LME and LRA management, draft policy proposals for effective tax compliance management of class C and class B miners;
9. Design risk assessment templates, deploy and train staff in their use;
10. Design brochures aimed at educating sector players on their tax obligations;
11. Conduct tax compliance workshops and trainings for the mining informal sector;

12. Review the NRTS taxpayers' registry and undertake a cleaning exercise aimed at expunging all inactive /none-existent miners currently on the registry. Periodically update the roll;
13. Support the establishment of a mineral anti-smuggling team within NRTS;
14. Support with collaborate with associations of Miners, mining cooperatives and donors and in the mining sector;
15. Train designated LRA staff on anti-smuggling techniques focusing on the minerals sector;
16. Support other compliance initiatives within the NRTS.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

The Ministry of Finance and Development Planning (MFDP) now invites eligible individuals ("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. Must have in-depth understanding of the operations and activities of the informal mining sector. Knowledge of the Liberian Informal Sector is an added advantage.
2. Bachelor's Degree in Economics, Business Administration, Taxation, Geology, Geochemistry, Engineering or related fields from a recognize institution. Other professional certification is a plus.
3. At least three years' experience in Tax investigation or anti-smuggling operations in a revenue administration
4. Fluency in English both written and spoken

The assignment is for six (6) months.

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 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Approved Selection Methods for Individual Consultants set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from *0900 to 1700 hours*

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 1700 hour on 4th June 2018.

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