

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

PHILIPPINES

ACCESS TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROJECT

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: TF-0A2379

Assignment Title: International Procurement Advisor to the Access to Sustainable Energy Project-Project Management Office (ASEP-PMO)

Reference No.: PH-NPC-297070-CS-INDV

The National Power Corporation (NPC) *has received* Grant financing from the European Union administered by World Bank toward the cost of the Access to Sustainable Energy Project (ASEP), Philippines, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the Scope of Services as defined in the attached Terms of Reference.

The National Power Corporation (NPC) now invites eligible “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 for consultation services are:

- (a) At least ten (10) years of work experience on procurement of projects financed by WB or any other international financial institutions. An experience on the procurement of design, supply and installation of solar farms including goods and services will be preferable.
- (b) Have good knowledge about Philippine and International laws, standards or rules on grid-tied solar farm, renewable energy and turn-key construction projects.
- (c) Ability to monitor and evaluate project activities;
- (d) Fluency in English (oral and written) and have very good understanding on international competitive bidding mode of procurement;
- (e) Good knowledge and experience on management of grant funded projects and;
- (f) Good computer skills including teleconferencing and virtual meetings.

Necessary documents attesting to the above expected experience and qualifications of the Consultant shall be submitted.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers [issued January 2011 and revised July 2014]* (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, *0900 to 1700 hours Philippine Time.*

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) on or before **04 July 2022**.

The address referred above for obtaining further information and submission of Expression of Interest is:

National Power Corporation

Attn: Godofredo B. Magpoc, Jr., Project Director, ASEP Project Management
Office

BIR Road corner Quezon Ave., Diliman, Quezon City 1100

Tel: +63-2-8924-5211

E-mail: bcsd@napocor.gov.ph/gbmagpoc@napocor.gov.ph

Attachment:

**PH: Access to Sustainable Energy Project
Terms of Reference (TOR)
International Procurement Advisor to the ASEP-PMO
(Ref: PH-NPC-297070-CS-INDV)**

1. Title

International Procurement Advisor to the ASEP-PMO on implementation of the remaining procurement activities of Philippines-Access to Sustainable Energy Projects (ASEP).

2. Project brief

The World Bank (WB), with European Union (EU) financing under the Access to Sustainable Energy Programme (ASEP), is supporting implementation of three components to the "Recipient" executed by the National Power Corporation (NPC). The three components are:

- a. PV Mainstreaming (PVM) - the project component is to provide off grid energy access to approximately 40,500 households within Mindanao. The project is split into two Windows, with Window 1 having successfully supplied and installed 10,000 Solar Home Systems (SHS) and Window 2 comprising 30,500 SHS has been delivered to participating Electric Cooperatives (ECs) and is currently in the process of installation.
- b. Rural Network Solar (RNS) - the project component aims to address supply deficiencies in rural power distribution systems through the supply of seven separate 1MW grid tied greenfield solar PV power plants. 7 recipient ECs have been selected for the program and procurement retendering is being prepared subject to endorsement and approval of request for extension.
- c. Pre Paid Metering (PPM) - the project component is designed to pilot a project of 1,000 prepaid meters, targeting an EC with poor collection efficiencies through the use of pre-paid meters as opposed to post-paid meters currently in use. However, due to the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) postpaid revert back provision the project is being planned to be discontinued.

The WB through National Power Corporation (NPC) as their Implementing Agency will assist the Government of the Philippines to implement these three components of the project as part of their ongoing efforts to assist the Government in areas of rural electrification, renewable energy and strengthen ECs governance & collection efficiency as part of concerted efforts of the Government to achieve 100% Total Household Electrification by 2022.

The key objectives of the project are to deliver the following tasks

- a. PVM - to supply & install a further 30,500 SHS to household beneficiaries by no later than September 2022 within the EC franchises of SOCOTECO-II, SUKELCO, DASURECO, COTELCO & BUSECO.

- b. RNS - to design, supply and install 7x 1MW greenfield solar PV farms to seven (7) EC beneficiaries PANELCO, BENECO, INEC, SAMELCO-I, SAMELCO-II, SOCOTECO-II & SUKELCO by no later than September 2022 which is now being requested for 10-month extension.
- c. Pre Paid Metering - to supply, install & monitor 1,000 prepaid grid tied meters within an EC beneficiary if provisions satisfy the project objectives.

3. Functional Responsibilities

The Consultant's role is to support the PMO more particularly on procurement and implementation of the RNS component while ensuring application of WB procedures & guidelines and adopting best practices in the project.

4. Relationships

The Consultant will report directly to the PMO Project Director on all management issues.

The Consultant will also consult with Task Team Leader of WB and the project team, international and local consultants, designers, engineers and energy auditors when making decisions on technical matters.

5. Objectives

To assist the PMO on procurement activities including financial management, monitoring and evaluation of timelines and other contract implementation aspects.

To coach designated procurement specialist of PMO who is responsible for the day to day procurement operations of the Project

Review and provide comments on the project compliance with approved tender documents under the Project and oversee their level of performance.

To support the PMO on timely and effective utilization of the Grant Funds.

6. Scope of Work

Specific scope of work of the Consultant will include:

- Provide advice and support in the development and timely implementation of work plan, procurement plan and budgets ensuring project priorities are addressed and contract compliance is achieved.
- Provide advice and coach to the procurement specialist and PMO on how to embed best practices of project and program of governance.
- Provide comprehensive training on WB procurement processes and procedures including providing documentation and process flow charts to PMO staff/team. Successful transfer of knowledge and PMO's capacity on WB procurement will be a measure of satisfactory performance.

- Contribute to effective communication and collaboration between the WB project team, PMO and project stakeholders
- Organize meetings with EU and WB. Review and revise the PMO's Operation Manual if necessary and obtain approval from WB.
- Work closely with Project Steering Committee, the WB project team, project related agencies to identify and adopt any changes, new standards or rules that could affect the project concept and implementation plan.

7. Essential Qualifications:

The Consultant to the ASEP-PMO must have:

- (a) At least ten (10) years of work experience on procurement of projects financed by WB or any other international financial institutions. An experience on the procurement of design, supply and installation of solar farms including goods and services will be preferable.
- (b) Have good knowledge about Philippine and International laws, standards or rules on grid-tied solar farm, renewable energy and turn-key construction projects.
- (c) Ability to monitor and evaluate project activities;
- (d) Fluency in English (oral and written) and have very good understanding on international competitive bidding mode of procurement;
- (e) Good knowledge and experience on management of grant funded projects and;
- (f) Good computer skills including teleconferencing and virtual meetings.

8. Contract Arrangements and Length:

The consultant's engagement is to begin in July 2022 and to end in September 2022. Based on Consultant's performance or PMO's requirements, the Contract could be extended if the 10-month extension of the RNS component is approved.

The Consultant will work on-line through virtual meetings and teleconferencing.