REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE
ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLY AUTHORITY

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

Ref No.: SL/EDSA/AfDB/SLREAP/SER/QCBS/C2/01/2026

SIERRA LEONE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ACCESS PROJECT (SLREAP)

Sector: **Energy**
Financing Agreement Reference: ADF Loan No.: **2100150044743**
Project ID No.: **P-SL-FA0-003.**
Issuance Date: 23rd November 2026

The Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone has received financing from the African Development Fund (ADF) towards the cost of the Project Preparation Facility of the Sierra Leone Rural Electrification Access Project (SLREAP – PPF), and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this loan to payments under the contract for the provision of **Feasibility Study, Scoping, and Preliminary Design; Detailed Design and Preparation of Bidding Documents; Environmental and Social Impact Assessment; Resettlement Action Plan, and Gender GAP Analysis Studies consultancy services** for the implementation of the SLREAP project in Sierra Leone.

The services included under this project will study in detail, the feasibility and how to implement SLREAP which is proposed to entail: ten (10) 66/33/11kV primary substations, four (4) 33/11kV secondary substations, more than two hundred and ten (210) 33/0.4kV distribution substations, more than 513km of 66kV Transmission Lines, more than 252km of 33kV Distribution networks, about 88,000 customer connections, and street-lights for about 120 identified communities. In general, the proposed PPF advance activities seek to conduct: (i) Feasibility Study; (ii) Detailed Design and Bidding Documents; (iii) Environmental and Social Impact Assessment Studies; (iv) Resettlement Action Plan, and (v) Gender GAP Analysis Studies. The duration of the assignment is **six (6) months** from the date of contract signing.

The consultancy services for the Feasibility Study, Detailed Design and Bidding Documents, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, Resettlement Action Plan, and Gender GAP Analysis Studies for the SLREA-PPF project in Sierra Leone will be carried out intermittently over six months. The assignment reporting schedule comprises four (4) stages: (i) Inception Reports; (ii) Interim Reports; (iii) Draft Reports; and (iv) Final Reports. As specified in the TOR, the consultant (Firm) will carry out each phase of the assignment intermittently along the project corridors during the six-month period.

The detailed Terms of Reference can be accessed through the links below:

The **Electricity Distribution and Supply Authority** now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating

that they are qualified to perform the services: (i) information detailing the company's existence and areas of expertise, including its core business, years in business and legal registration and, for joint ventures or associations, the role of the lead firm and of each partner; (ii) list of similar assignments and experience in similar regional conditions, indicating for each assignment the client, country, year, value, technology and capacity (MW or kV), the firm's role and the outcome; (iii) Demonstration of the availability of qualified in-house experts to deliver the services; (iv) evidence of past performance, such as completion certificates or client references; (v) any other relevant information. Consultancy firms may constitute joint ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure based on **Quality-and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS)**, shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's ***"Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations" (BPM),*** **dated October 2015**, which is available on the Bank's website at http://www.afdb.org.

Interested consulting firms may obtain further information~~, including the ToR,~~ at **Electricity House, 36 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown** or by sending a request through the email addresses provided below during office hours **08:30 –16:30 GMT**.

Expressions of interest in English (one (1) original, three (3) hard copies and one (1) set soft copy) must be delivered to the address below (in person and email) by **21st December 2026** at or before **16:30hrs** (Sierra Leone Time) and must mention "**Expression of Interest for the provision of Feasibility Study, Scoping and Preliminary Design; Detailed Design and Preparation of Bidding Documents; Environmental and Social Impact Assessment; Resettlement Action Plan; and Gender GAP Analysis Studies***"***.**

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