

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES – FIREMS SELECTION (NCB)**

Project: AF- ELEAP

Project ID: – (AF- ELEAP P178895)

Assignment Title: Independent Verification Agent (IVA) to conduct an independent verification of the results of Strengthening Safeguards Systems under Development Objective 7.5 (DLR 7.5) for the Additional Financing for the Ethiopia Electrification Program (AF- ELEAP P178895).

Reference No. ET-MOWE-02-CS –QCBS

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of National Electrification program (ELEAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for Independent Verification Agent (IVA) to verify results of DLR 7.5 (Environmental and social safeguards).

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

- The objective of this consultancy is to conduct an independent verification of the results of Strengthening Safeguards Systems under Development Objective 7.5 (DLR 7.5) for the Additional Financing for the Ethiopia Electrification Program (AF- ELEAP P178895). The verification will assess the compliance with environmental and social safeguards, identify any gaps or challenges, and provide recommendations for improvement for the current Program implementation period/fiscal year (July 8, 2023 to January 7 2024 of the calendar year).

➤ **Scope of work**

The assignment will only cover the Program activities undertaken from July 2023 till January 2024 i.e., DLI 7.5. The consultant shall perform the following tasks:

- ✓ Review existing Program documentation related to the requirements of DLI 7.5: Strengthen E&S safeguards systems;
- ✓ Field assessment in selected AF-ELEAP implementation sites (joint selection of sites with proper representation for all the program components/ activities. The selection of sampled subprojects include subproject with RAP where there is/are RAPs);
- ✓ Stakeholders consultations including program affected persons;
- ✓ Assess quarter, annual, and audit reports, accident and incident reports, ELEAP E & S monitoring reports, E&S progress reports (covering progress under ESMG and RSG/ section 2.1 of this ToR) prepared for the fiscal year by EEU and MoWE;
- ✓ Review E& S independent monitoring and E & S audit ToRs
- ✓ Produce Program Results Verification Report (RVR) on the achievement of the DLI 7.5. The verification report shall contain findings substantiated with both quantitative and qualitative data/ information.



The verification process built based on project design, helps to integrate monitoring and quality control into the project cycle and triggers disbursements. Verification is linked with subsidy disbursement, the IVA can improve service quality and accountability, providing assurance to donors and governments that their funds have been used for the intended purpose. Although verification is ultimately focused on outputs, it is ongoing throughout the project cycle, so that shortcomings or obstacles can be identified, and corrective actions based on the feedback are put in place before final verification.

DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT

- The year of performance is between (July 8, 2023 to January 7 2024 of the calendar year. The independent verification report shall be submitted to MoWE and the Bank within two (2) calendar months of receiving the achievement report from MoWE/EEU based on the achievement deadline for this DLI and related DLRs, as outlined in the POM.
- **DETAIL TOR ATTACHED:** The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at <https://www.mowe.gov.et/en/resource>

The Ministry of Water and Energy now invites eligible consulting firms (“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.

Short-listing criteria are:

- Firm’s Core business and years in business
- Qualification and experience in the field of assignment and
- Organizational, managerial and technical capabilities of the firm.

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.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection method set out in the PPA Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9:00 am to 12:00 am noon and 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm after noon from Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) on or before 24th august 2024, 2:00 PM (Afternoon)

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