REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICE- [Individual consultant]

FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

One WaSH National Program CWA Phase II

Credit No. IDA 64450

Assignment Title: Carry out Environmental safeguard Independent Audit Service ET-MOWE- 384736-CS-INDV

The Government of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of One WaSH National Program (One Wash CWA Phase II) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services

The Consulting services (‘‘the services’’) include: The individual consultant will conduct Environmental and Social Safeguard compliance Audit with the team of expert of social safeguard consultant on the OWNP-CWA in accordance with the Ethiopian and World Bank relevant environmental and social legal frameworks. The Audit will focus on evaluating environmental and social changes brought about by the OWNP -CWA sub projects and on assessing the implementation and effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures.

The basis for evaluating the project will be in terms of national environmental policies such as:- the environmental policy of Ethiopia (EPE)Environmental impact assessment proclamation(Proclamation No. 299/2002).Hazardous waste management and control proclamation ( proclamation No. 1090/2018) Environmental pollution control (proclamation No.300/2002) Expropriation of land holding for public purpose and payment of compensation Proclamation No.1161/2019) payment of compensation for properties situated on landholdings Expropriated for public (Regulation No. 472/2020) and the WB operational policies and guidelines such as Environmental assessment (OP 4.01) Natural habitat (OP 4.04) Physical cultural resources OP/BP4.11, involuntary resettlement (OP 4.12). Forests (OP 4.36) and Safety of Dams(OP 4.37)

The World Bank group Environmental, Health and safety Guidelines (WBG EHSG) shall also be applicable as deemed necessary. In addition, the audit report is expected to give detail insight on the implementation the ESMF and RPF, along with some other project specific impacts and mitigation measures listed within the ESIAs, ESMPs, RAPs, ARAPs) and in accordance with the World Bank’s ‘‘Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers’’ dated July 2016, revised November 2017, and August 2018(Procurement Regulation)

 **OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT**

The overall objective of the assignment is to conduct Environmental and Social safeguard Compliance audit through reviewing the implementation of safeguard instruments under the OWNP-CWA, identify significant environmental and social issues in the existing project or activities, and assess their current status, specifically in terms of meeting the requirements of WB E&S operational policies under the guidance of the Project ESMF and RPF. Based on this to

1. To identify cases of non- or partial compliance;

ii) To recommend appropriate corrective actions if cases of non or partial compliance are identified and justifies appropriate measures and actions to mitigate the areas of concern, estimates the cost of the measures and actions, and recommends a schedule for implementing them; and

1. To make recommendations for strengthening the institutional systems for the preparation, implementation and monitoring of safeguard instruments. Based on audit findings, gap-filling and enhancement measures with agreed action plans will be recommended for the project going forward.

 **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The consultant will conduct Environmental & Social Safeguards Compliance Audit on the OWNP-CWA in accordance with the Ethiopian and World Bank relevant environmental and social legal frameworks. The audit will focus on evaluating environmental and social changes brought about by the OWNP Subprojects and on assessing the implementation and effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures. The basis for evaluating the Project will be in terms of national environmental policies described above.

The focus of the E&S audit will be on the high to medium risk sub-project activities involving medium to large-scale civil works and relocation of project affected persons under OWNP-CWA. The consultant shall visit at least 50% of the beneficiary regions, along with representative sample sizes from the respective Woredas, medium/small towns and subproject activities. The duration for the service shall take 14 weeks after contract signing. Selection criteria for sub-project activities include:

1. Medium to small town water supply projects that has high contractual value and expected to impact the environmental in various aspects and require large area of land and displace people
2. Rural Piping Systems (RPS) and other environmentally and socially sensitive water supply and sanitation subproject activities,
3. Institutional WaSH subproject activities, etc.

The audit will comprise of an independent evaluation of the overall environmental and social performance in line with the project’s ESMF/RPF across selected sub-projects under OWNP. The out puts and deliverables includes not limited to inception report, draft ES audit report and final ES audit report.

The Ministry of Water and Energy now invites eligible individual consultant (‘’consultants’’ to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested candidates may provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualification and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria are:

 **A. Environmental Individual Consultant**

* At least a Master’s degree in Environmental Science / Engineering / Planning;
* A minimum of 10 (ten) years relevant professional experience particularly in environmental management of infrastructure projects, post-disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation;
* Demonstrated experience in environmental impact assessments and development of risk management instruments, especially addressing impacts on civil works projects; and
* Experience in conducting similar audit and possess an auditor certification for ISO, and/or relevant environmental management systems.

 Evaluation criteria for Environmental Individual Consultant

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| S/N | Criteria | Weights |
| I | Technical compliance | Comply or not comply  |
| 1 | Meeting national and W. Bank environmental and social safeguarded standards |  |
| 2 | Adequacy and quality of the proposed methodology responding to the TOR |  |
| 3 | Work plan and schedule responding to the TOR |  |
| II | Education and experience | 100% |
| 1 | Education | 25% |
| 1.1 | PHD degree in Environmental Science / EnvironmentalEngineering / Environmental Planning | 25 |
| 1.2 | At least Master’s degree in Environmental Science /Engineering / Planning | 20 |
| 2 | Experience | 70 |
| 2.1 | General experience | 20 |
| 2.1.1 | 15 and above years of general experience | 20 |
| 2.1.2 | 13-14 years of general experience | 18 |
| 2.1.3 | 11-12 years of general experience | 15 |
| 2.2 | Similar relevant experience to the assignment | 40 |
| 2.2.1 | 13 and above years of relevant professional experienceparticularly in environmental management of infrastructure projects, post-disaster reconstruction andrehabilitation; environmental impact assessments Experience in conducting similar audit and possess an auditor certification for ISO, and/or relevant environmental management systems. | 40 |
| 2.2.2 | 11 to 12 years relevant professional experience particularly in environmental management of infrastructure projects, post-disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation; environmental impact assessments, Environmental and social compliance audit, Experience in conducting similar audit and possess an auditor certification for ISO, and/or relevant environmental management systems. | 35 |
| 2.2.3 | At least a minimum 10 years of relevant professional experience particularly in the environmental management of infrastructure projects, post-disaster reconstruction and rehabilitation; environmental impact assessments Experience in conducting similar audit and possess an auditor certification for ISO, and/or relevantenvironmental management systems. | 30 |
| 2.2.4 | Bellow 10 years of experience | 0 |
| 2.3 | Number of Environmental safeguard Audit experience | 10 |
| 2.3.1 | Auditing three and above projects | 10 |
| 2.3.2 | Auditing two projects | 8 |
| 2.3.3 | Auditing one projects | 5 |
| 3. | Participation of nationals | 5 |

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the qualification and experience Selection method set out in the World Bank procurement regulation.

**The applicant can collect TOR from the ministry of water and Energy.** **Or access from the client website**

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm from Monday to Friday.

Expression of interest must be delivered to the ministry in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by email) on or before March 21, 2024 4:00 pm

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