

Emergency Project on Urban Resilience “PRU”

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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**MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT
AND SOCIAL HOUSING**

EMERGENCY PROJECT ON URBAN RESILIENCE

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES) SELECTION OF FIRMS/CABINETS**

Country : Republic of Burundi

Project Name : Urban Resilience Emergency Project “PRU”

Donation Number : IDA-E3520

Project No .: P177146

Mission Title : Recruitment of a Consultant (Firm) for the feasibility study and development of APS/APD/DAO for the extension of the drinking water distribution network in GITEGA”.

Reference number (according to the Procurement Plan in STEP) : BI-MIELS-PIU- 453846-CS-CDS

The Government of the Republic of Burundi has obtained from the World Bank a fund of One Hundred and Thirteen Million US Dollars (USD 113,000,000) to cover the cost of activities for the implementation of the Burundi Urban Resilience Project "PRU" (P177146), and intends to use part of this funding to make payments under the following service contract: for "Feasibility studies and preparation of APS/APD/DAO for the extension of the drinking water distribution network in GITEGA".

The general objective of the mission is to carry out feasibility studies and detailed technical studies for the extension of the drinking water distribution networks of the city of Gitega in order to meet its water needs by 2060, while ensuring REGIDESO the profitability and financial balance of the urban water sub-sector.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include:

1. Carrying out feasibility studies for the strengthening and extension of the drinking water distribution networks in the city of Gitega.

2. Carrying out the Preliminary Design (PD) and Detailed Design (DDP) studies for this water network, including the results of the environmental and social study of the project.

3. Developing the complete Call for Tenders (CTT) for the work to strengthen and extend the water distribution network in Gitega.

The Project Management Unit of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Equipment and Social Housing (UGP-MIELS), which ensures the fiduciary and technical management of the PRU, now invites eligible Firms (“Consultants”) to express their interest in providing the services described above.

Interested Consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience for the performance of the Services (brief presentation of their firms, references concerning the performance of similar contracts, experience in similar conditions, copies of contracts already completed, etc.).

The criteria for the consultant's qualifications are:

(i) Be a consulting firm or a Group of consulting firms with proven global experience to perform the services described in these specifications with at least 15 years of general experience in feasibility studies and detailed drinking water supply projects and particularly in developing countries; experience in sub-Saharan Africa in general and in Burundi in particular is a major asset.

(ii) Proven track record of successfully completing, in the last eight (8) years, at least three (3) assignments related to feasibility studies, detailed design and tender documents for investments exceeding USD 25 million, including stakeholder engagement and consideration of environmental and social safeguards and procurement aspects (similar assignments completed must be accompanied by proof of completion).

Key experts will not be assessed at this stage

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the “Procurement Regulations for Borrowers Requesting Investment Project Financing (IPF) of September 2023”, (“Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflicts of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but must clearly indicate whether the association takes the form of a joint venture and/or subcontracting. In the case of a joint venture, all partners in the joint venture will be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Consultant's Qualifications (SQC) method, set out in the Procurement Regulations and in accordance with the criteria required in the Terms of Reference of the mission.

Further information may be obtained at the address below during business hours, each working day from **Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (local time).**

Expressions of interest **written in French** must be submitted in writing to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) **no later than 02/17/2025 at 4:00 p.m., Bujumbura time (GMT+2)** with the following reference: **“Response to the Notice of Request for Expressions of Interest for the Recruitment of a Consultant (Firm) for the feasibility study and preparation of the APS/APD/DAO for the extension of the drinking water distribution network in GITEGA”**.

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