

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES

Guyana Utility Scale Solar Photovoltaic Program (GUYSOL): Non-Reimbursable Financing Agreement No. GRT/NG-19288-GY (GY-G1007)

To develop and execute training program & coaching for women in Solar Renewable Energy

The Government of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana has earned financing from the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) as part of the Low Carbon Development Strategy and intends to utilize this financing to implement the Guyana Utility Scale Solar Photovoltaic Program (GUYSOL). The Inter-American Development Bank is responsible for administering the financing of the Program. The Executing Agency, Guyana Power and Light Incorporated intends to apply a portion of the proceeds towards consulting services.

The objective of this consultancy is for a firm with experience in designing and conducting training programs in renewable energy to provide a training course specifically for <u>fifty (50) women</u> selected from communities in Guyana. The Firm will be responsible for the development and delivery of an accredited Certificate course to be conducted over 5 weeks and designed to train women to acquire skills required for jobs in the solar energy sector. The consultancy will also conduct coaching sessions with the participants during their eight (8) month apprenticeship program in renewable energy jobs.

The intended outcome is to increase the participation of women in the renewable energy sector. This will be obtained through the provision of opportunities that build professionalism for women through solar energy training and occupational skills set with hands-on experiences and technical support for employment in the renewable solar industry in Guyana.

In order to be considered for short-listing, interested consulting firms having the relevant resources, qualifications and experience are herewith invited to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) with no more than fifteen (15) pages, including: (i) legal name of the Consulting Firm; (ii) legal representative properly authorized to sign the declaration for and on behalf of the Firm; (iii) address and telephone number/s; (iv) e-mail address of contact person, and website; (v) information about the Consulting Firm organization and its principal areas of expertise and activities; (vi) description of specific experiences in the design and execution of accredited training interventions and technical support in working with the target audience particularly in developing countries and especially in Latin America and Caribbean countries, within the last 10 years, and (vii) description of the specific experiences relevant to the activities listed above. The information requested in (v), (vi), and (vii), should include, as a minimum: a description of the activities, the degree or percent of participation in the project, the execution period and dates, the level of responsibility held by the company in each project (technical, facilitation or administrative responsibility), and the country and region where the project was located. The curriculum vitae of potential personnel to be involved in the assignment is not required at this stage.

The Consulting Firm will work in Georgetown, Guyana and in the targeted communities for the duration of the consultancy.

Interested consulting firms will be determined to be short-listed by demonstrating in their Expressions of Interest that they have the relevant resources, qualifications, and experience whether by themselves or in conjunction with other eligible firms. After reviewing the EOI's, GPL will short list a minimum of five (5) and maximum of eight (8) Consulting Firms or association of firms, that will be invited, tentatively, during April 2024 to present Technical and Financial Proposals, using a Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method.

Consulting firms may associate with other consulting firms with the aim of enhancing their qualifications. Experience in the Caribbean will be a plus. Working language of the consultancy will be English, and reports will therefore be presented in that language.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the <u>Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank</u> GN-2350-[15].

Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the email addresses below by 14:00 hours on Friday, 8 March 2024 with the subject "*Training Program for Women in Solar Renewable Energy.*"

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