



Ministry of Water and Sanitation

Blantyre Water Board

Blantyre City Council

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

Country: Malawi
Name of Project: Malawi Water and Sanitation Project-1 (MWSP-1)
Grant No: IDA E159-MW
Assignment Title: Consultancy Services for the Update and Assessments of the Sewage Works and Networks, Design Review, Preliminary and Detailed Design and Construction Supervision of Priority Sanitation Investments in Blantyre City

Reference No.: MW-BWB-333134-CS-QCBS

The Government of Malawi through Blantyre Water Board (BWB) and Blantyre City Council (BCC) has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Malawi Water and Sanitation Project-1 (MWSP-1) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The project development objective (PDO) of the MWSP-1 is to increase access to improved water and sanitation services in Blantyre metropolitan area and to enhance the operational and financial efficiency of Blantyre Water Board. The project interventions are therefore expected to improve access to water and sanitation services for the residents of Blantyre and the surrounding districts, thus reducing environmental pollution, improving the city's health outcomes and quality of life, and enabling the business environment for residents. In order for this to be realized, the project has planned to rehabilitate and expand the sewerage infrastructure in Blantyre City. However, before the actual works, there is need for consultancy services.

Blantyre Water Board (BWB) would like to engage a consultant to carry out the update and assessments of the sewage works and networks, conduct preliminary and detailed designs and supervise construction works and defects liability period in Blantyre City.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the update and assessments of the sewage works and networks, design review, preliminary and detailed design and construction supervision of priority sanitation investments in Blantyre City. The assignment shall be conducted in three phases: Phase 1–assessments and updates, design review, preliminary and detailed engineering design and tender documentation; Phase 2–construction supervision and contract management and Phase 3-defects liability period.

The assignment shall be completed within a period of forty-six (46) calendar months. Phase 1 of the consultancy assignment is expected to be conducted over a period of ten (10) months. Phase 2 shall be conducted over a period of 24 months after completion of phase 1 and shall be subject to satisfactory performance of which the criteria shall include (i) quality of deliverables (ii) timely submission of deliverables, (iii) compliance with contractual obligations including deployment of agreed staff, (iv) adherence to World Bank Standards and (v) responsiveness of the consultant and shall come into effect after completion of phase 1 and upon Client’s notice to the consultant instructing commencement of Phase 2 services. Phase 3 of the project shall be a 12 months defects liability period. The assignment is expected to start in August 2023.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found on Blantyre Water Board and Blantyre City Council websites: www.bwb.mw and www.bccmw.com

The Blantyre Water Board (BWB) 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

- (i) Core business area in Engineering consulting.
- (ii) Relevant similar experience, which should specifically include the below:
 - (a) Experience in carrying out assessments and updates of existing sewage works and associated sewer networks.
 - (b) Experience in preparation of preliminary and detailed engineering designs, drawings and specifications for the rehabilitation and expansion of sewage works and associated sewer networks and new sewer network.
 - (c) Experience in preparation of bidding documents aligning to World Bank (IDA) requirements.
 - (d) Experience in construction supervision of sanitation investments.

(iii) Technical and Managerial capability of the firm. (Provide only the structure of the organization, general qualifications and number of key staff. Do not provide CV of the staff. Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated November 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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 Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours *i.e.*, 08:00 to 16:30 hours.

Expressions of interest clearly marked: "*Consultancy Services for the Update and Assessments of the Sewage Works and Networks, Design Review, Preliminary and Detailed Design and Construction Supervision of Priority Sanitation Investments in Blantyre City*" must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **18 April 2023**.

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