

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

### Individual Consulting Services

Scoping and Definition of the Construction Program for the  
"ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Technopole" in Praia, Cabo Verde

**APRIL 2024**



## I. CONTEXT

The ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) was created by Regulation C/DEC.23/11/08, as a Specialized Agency of the ECOWAS Commission in charge of the development of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency throughout the Member States.

The headquarters of ECREEE is located in Praia, Cabo Verde, pursuant to the additional act A/SA.9/12/08 of December 12th, 2008, and the headquarters agreement between the ECOWAS Commission and the Government of Cabo Verde for the establishment of ECREEE, signed on July 6th, 2010. In this respect, ECREEE has been accorded the privileges of a diplomatic mission.

The Government of Cabo Verde has made available an 8005.45 m<sup>2</sup> plot of land in Palmarejo Grande (zone K) for the construction of the ECREEE headquarters, following the memorandum of understanding signed on January 8th 2015 between the parties.

The ECREEE 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, which is based on ECOWAS Vision 2050 and the ECOWAS Commission's 4x4 Management Objectives, was validated by the ECREEE Donor - ECOWAS Consultative Committee meeting held on November 7th, 2022 in Abuja (Nigeria) and approved by the Ministers of Energy at their meeting in Bissau (Guinea-Bissau) on March 24th, 2023 ; The aim of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan is to provide ECREEE with a headquarters in line with the Plan's ambitions by 2027.

Pending of the construction of the ECREEE's new headquarters, the Government of Cabo Verde provided ECREEE with a new, larger headquarters in July 2023, replacing the old one allocated since ECREEE's establishment. The Prime Minister of Cabo Verde and the President of the ECOWAS Commission made a visit to the new offices of ECREEE on October 11th, 2023. During the visit, the parties announced their commitment to work together towards the construction of the ECREEE headquarters within the shortest possible timeframe.

The site, ideally located next to the Center for Renewable Energy and Industrial Maintenance of Cabo Verde (CERMI), the University of Cabo Verde (UniCV) and the ELECTRA SA - Electricity and Water Supply Company of Cabo Verde, provides an opportunity to set up the **ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Technopole**, as well as to establish the headquarters of ECREEE and other ECOWAS offices.



To ensure a proper scoping and definition of needs, considering the ambitions of ECREEE and the requirements of the host country, ECREEE intends to shortlist an individual consultants to **scope and define the program of works for the construction of this modern building infrastructure named "ECOWAS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TECHNOPOLE" in Praia, Cabo Verde**. The technical studies to be conducted by the consultant shall encompass, but not limited to, the under listed elements:

- i. Site survey including Topographic information of the entire site and surrounding service infrastructure;
- ii. Architectural, structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical studies;
- iii. Geotechnical investigations for building works;
- iv. Fire Safety and Accessibility studies;
- v. Legal and Regulatory Compliance Review according to applicable laws and regulations of the Republic of Cabo Verde;
- vi. Risk Assessment and Analysis.

The consultant shall be responsible for carrying out field mission(s) over a short period, as specified by the client, to gather all the information and data needed to draw up a programme of works that fully meets the client's expectations. These visits may also include an under-study of similar facilities in Praia and in the sub-region, as needed, to guide and orient the eventual design and studies. These visits shall include, but not limited, to the under listed aspects:

- Working session(s) with the Client to gather feedback, aspirations, expectations, and requirements in relation to the expected project, etc.
- Site inspection(s) of the allocated project location, to understudy specific constraints and advantages imposed by the geography of the site. The Consultant shall take note of information relating to site access, existing infrastructure, existing public services, surrounding buildings and properties, existing networks in the vicinity of the site, and on-going activities by the existing concessionaires at the vicinity of the site, etc.
- Visit(s) to similar existing facilities in Praia and/or elsewhere in the ECOWAS regions as required.

The Consultant shall undertake a desk study of all available files and studies related to this project.

## **II. EXPERT'S PROFILE**

The Applicant must:

- Must be a qualified civil engineer or architect;
- Have experience in the conceptualization, design and project management of large-scale building engineering projects.
- Have a representative or correspondent address in Praia (Cabo Verde), if not resident in Praia.



- Be fluent in one of the ECOWAS languages (English, French, Portuguese) and have a working knowledge of one of the other two languages.

### **III. SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Interested applicant are now requested to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) in English, French or Portuguese containing the following documents:

- Cover letter;
- CV of the Consultant;
- Copy of University degrees, certifications, licenses, etc.

Application should be submitted by e-mail through: [tecnopole@ecreee.org](mailto:tecnopole@ecreee.org) , clearly indicating in the subject: “**ECOWAS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TECHNOPOLE**”.

**Deadline for Submission: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 23h59 Cabo- Verde local time (23:59 GMT).**

For any additional information on the proposal, you can contact: Alcides Oliveira [adeoliveira@ecreee.org](mailto:adeoliveira@ecreee.org).

**Do not copy any other email addresses but the tender email or your application will be disqualified.**

***Obs: The shortlisting and selection procedure will be in accordance with the "ECOWAS Procurement Code. Upon the assessment of the REOIs, only shortlisted firms will be requested to submit full technical and financial proposals.***

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