

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Mini-grid Development

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Project Location: Ethiopia

Description of procurement:

The DREAM project will facilitate the implementation and private sector operation of nine renewable energy mini-grids and irrigation systems across Ethiopia, resulting in over 4,300 total electricity connections, including over 2,500 households, along with water pumping and distribution systems to provide reliable year-round irrigation to all farmers in the communities. In addition, there will be implementation of various productive use activities, specifically electric vehicles for transport of goods and persons.

The project will make available a comprehensive suite of detailed information and economic analysis, technical assistance facilities, grant funding, concessional debt, and risk mitigation facilities to selected private sector companies who will develop, deploy, and operate each of the nine sites identified for the project. The project consists of three distinct components:

1. Mini-grids: Renewable energy generation and distribution to households, SMEs and agricultural/irrigation anchor customers;
2. Irrigation services: implementation of large-scale water pumping and distribution systems to farmers;
3. PUEs: Operation of electric vehicles and other productive use activities such as agricultural processing.

NOTE: This request for Expressions of Interest is in respect of the mini-grid component only. Additional information on the other components will be forthcoming.

The sites will be awarded in lots; it is expected that the selection of a minimum two and maximum three Partners to execute the mini-grid component.

Eligibility criteria:

- Applying Company must be incorporated in one of the AfDB member states;
- Demonstrated ability to successfully develop, implement, and operate mini-grid projects in rural Africa (minimum 2 live sites in operation today);
- Adequate financial means and governance processes to manage third party funding;
- Demonstrated ability to implement data gathering and regular reporting during course of the project;
- Capabilities with respect to personnel and implementation.

In addition, each applicant will need to pass background checks:

- Debarred firms check
- Anti-money laundering
- Corruption / PEPs

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