

## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)**

<b>Issuance Date:</b>	April 4, 2022
<b>Submission Deadline:</b>	April 15, 2022
<b>Description:</b>	Design and Quality Assurance / Quality Control services for construction of new and rehabilitation of existing water and/or sanitation infrastructure in 13 counties in South Sudan
<b>Funded by:</b>	United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Contract Number: 72066821C00009
<b>For:</b>	The USAID Afia WASH Project, implemented by DT Global

### **Section I: Instruction to Offerors**

#### **I. Introduction:**

The Afia WASH Project is a five-year (October 2021 – September 2026), USAID-funded project that aims to contribute to USAID/South Sudan goal of strengthening the foundation for household reliance. This is to be achieved by expanding gender-transformative sustainable access to basic safe drinking water, basic sanitation coverage, and increased uptake of key hygiene behaviors to improve health and household resilience in accordance with USAID/South Sudan’s Strategic Framework 2020 – 2024.

To achieve progress against the above Mission-level overall purpose, the Afia WASH Project will be working toward the achievement of the following three Project objectives:

1. Sub-national (*county government Payam and community level*) WASH sector coordination and management strengthened and increased private sector participation and;
2. Inclusive, resilient, WASH service delivery expanded and strengthened, and
3. Key WASH behaviors adopted by target communities and harmful gender norms addressed.

The project is being implemented by DT Global (<https://dt-global.com>) which is an international development contractor, working across a wide range of sectors including WASH and technical areas in over 90 countries around the world.

Afia WASH is therefore inviting interested, eligible and competent Architecture and/or Engineering (A&E) Firms via this Expression of Interest (EOI) to respond on their willingness to be considered to conduct future A&E services in any or all of the following counties in South Sudan:

1. Western Bar El Ghazal State; Wau and Jur River Counties
2. Eastern Equatoria State; Kapoeta North and Budi Counties
3. Jonglei State; Akobo, Duk and Uror County
4. Upper Nile State; Baliet and Ulang Counties
5. Unity State; Mayendit, Leer and Panyijar counties
6. Greater Pibor Administrative Area; Pibor county

This Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) presents the requirements that interested vendors must provide to be invited to submit their detailed technical/cost proposals for procurement opportunities anticipated by DT Global in the above-mentioned technical and geographical areas. Pre-qualified vendors may be invited to respond to a solicitation, and/or multiple solicitations.

2. **EOI Deadline and Submission Protocol:** The EOI must be received no later than the date and time specified in the “Submission Deadline:” section above. EOIs are to be received in electronic version only and by email. Submissions must be emailed to: [gaswash.procurement@dt-global.com](mailto:gaswash.procurement@dt-global.com).

EOI should be in English Language and not exceed twenty (20) pages (excluding cover page, executive summary and annexes). Any EOI with more than 10 pages will NOT BE considered responsive at all and will be rejected.

The EOI should indicate the reference **USAID AFIA WASH A&E State names and counties** in the subject line. If you would like to be considered for all the thirteen counties then state “ALL” in place of the state names and countries. EOIs received after the specified submission time and date will be considered late, and will only be considered at the discretion of DT Global.

3. **Criteria for selection:** Responders are expected to indicate that they are qualified to perform the services through description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.), this information will be used by DT Global to determine if Vendors shall be pre-qualified. The responders should submit the following documentation, all in the **English language**.

**Specifically, the organizations will be considered and selected using the following criteria:**

**Availability and proof of existence of Compliance documents (submitted as annexes)**

1. Valid Company Registration Certificate;
2. Tax Clearance Certificate;
3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number (*see details below*)

**Capability of the organization to undertake the work**

1. Company’s profile including areas of expertise. The profile should include company’s professional engineering only or both engineering and architecture licenses by the corresponding professional licensing boards. **(Maximum 3 pages)**.
2. Demonstrate experience of conducting similar type of assignments either in South Sudan (preferable) or in the sub-region (East Africa) or in Africa in general. This will be demonstrated completing up to **10 project data sheets (maximum 10 pages)** that best indicate the extent and breadth of company’s relevant experience in relation to design of rural or semi-urban WASH infrastructure in South Sudan or in Sub-Sahara Africa for international organizations. At least three of the projects should have been completed in the last two years and the remaining projects should not be older than ten years.

Project Data Sheet	
Project Name/Title:	
Description Of Work:	
Site Location (Region/County):	
Client:	
Reference Name:	
Email:	
Telephone:	
Type of Contract (e.g., firm fixed price, time-and-materials, cost plus fixed fee, etc.)	
Were You a Prime or a Sub Consultant?	
Value of your professional services (USD):	
Start Date:	
End Date:	

3. Brief profile of up to 4 professional engineers (*illustratively 1 for water, 1 sanitation, 1 structural engineer, 1 energy specialist especially in solar, environmental engineer etc.*) for supporting Afia WASH's construction projects. Licensing under Boards of Engineers and/or Architects should be clearly stated. CVs and proof of license will only be requested at proposal stage. **(Maximum 4 pages)**
4. **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):** Companies or organizations, whether for-profit or non-profit, shall be requested to provide a UEI number, If the Offeror does not have a UEI number and is unable to obtain one before the submission deadline, Offeror shall include a statement noting their intention to register for a UEI number. Further guidance on obtaining a UEI is available on <https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>.
5. **Eligibility:** By submitting an Expression of Interest in response to this EOI, the offeror certifies that it and its principal officers are not debarred, suspended, or otherwise considered ineligible for an award by the U.S. Government. DT Global will not engage in any subcontract with a firm that is debarred, suspended, or considered to be ineligible by the U.S. Government. If the entity becomes debarred, suspended or otherwise ineligible after an issuance of a subcontract, DT Global will cancel such subcontract and will not continue any cooperation with the said offeror.

Any future procurement that will result from this EOI will use **Brooks Act – Qualification based method**. This means that contracts for Architectural and Engineering contractor are negotiated based on demonstrated competence and qualification for the type of professional services required, at a fair and reasonable price.

**Note: Companies that never worked in South Sudan but worked in Sub-Sahara Countries may apply for this competitive bidding.**

6. **Terms and Conditions:** This is a Request for Expressions of Interest for Technical evaluation only and pre-qualifications for future procurements. Issuance of this EOI does not in any way obligate DT Global, the Afia WASH Project, or USAID to make an award or pay for costs incurred by potential offerors in the preparation and submission of an offer.

**DT Global has zero tolerance for fraud. Fraud is any act or omission that intentionally misleads, or attempts to mislead, to obtain a benefit or to avoid an obligation.**

If you suspect that fraud has been committed, please contact the DT Global Afia WASH Chief of Party, or please use DT Global's anonymous third-party complaint reporting system that can be accessed by phone at +61 2 9053 9285, online at [qrs.ly/DTGlobalEthicsHotline](https://qrs.ly/DTGlobalEthicsHotline) or via email at [speakup@coreintegrity.com.au](mailto:speakup@coreintegrity.com.au).

Your complaint should include the details of the incident or incidents, the names of the individuals involved and the names of the witnesses. Thereafter, DT Global South Sudan Management or their designee will undertake a full and effective investigation of the allegations. This investigation will be completed, and a summary of the findings will be made and communicated to you as soon as practical.

## **Section II: Scope of Work**

**Scope of Work:** The Afia WASH Project requires the A&E Company to **design** water and/or sanitation infrastructure for construction as well as design for rehabilitation of existing WASH infrastructure, **develop detailed specifications and drawings** for solicitation of construction or rehabilitation work, **participate as a non-voting member** in the selection of the construction contractor, and/or **oversee the implementation of construction/rehabilitation** work and **development of** Operations and Maintenance manuals for the completed construction in above listed counties:

As a result of this EOI, Afia WASH anticipates issuing a subcontract which will establish specific pricing and services including:

- a) Site visit for technical assessment and to perform soil, water, environmental or any other assessment anywhere in the target counties and submission of technical assessment report.
- b) Production of engineering drawings of the proposed layout for WASH infrastructure and proposed layout for any major rehabilitation. The drawings must be compliant to the South Sudan national technical manual and guidelines for WASH infrastructures.
- c) Detailed structural design.
- d) Detailed specifications.
- e) Bill of Quantity (BOQ). The BOQ shall list all required materials and the required quantity and estimated cost for each.
- f) Preparation of Construction documents package for approval of USAID that has to include:
  - i. CAD Drawings
  - ii. Bill of Quantity (BOQ)
  - iii. Technical Specifications
  - iv. Environmental Review Form (ERF) that includes an Environmental Review Report (ERR) & Environmental Monitoring and Mitigation Plan (EMMP)
  - v. QA/QC Plan
  - vi. HESSP (Health, Environmental, Safety & Security Plan)
  - vii. Project Schedule (Timeline)
- g) Site visits by an approved site inspector on regular basis for inspection of quality of construction and site progress. Detailed report is required to be submitted for each site visit.
- h) Perform sampling of construction material at site and conduct quality control test through approved laboratories and submit the report to Afia WASH.
- i) Provision of Operation and Maintenance manual for end user.

Currently, due to the nature of the Afia WASH Project, specific services or quantities under the subcontract resulting from this EOI are unknown. Specific services or quantities will depend on the needs of the Afia WASH Activity.

Please note the following additional information:

- All construction work must be done to the standards specified by USAID and within the South Sudan manuals and guidelines.
- The cost of any design must not exceed **6% of the cost** of the associated construction.

### **Section III: Offer Cover Letter**

*The following cover letter must be placed on letterhead and completed/signed/stamped by a representative authorized to sign on behalf of the offeror:*

To: Afia WASH  
DT Global South Sudan  
Kololo Road, Plot 57, Block Number 3K  
2nd Class area, Tong Ping, Juba, South Sudan

Reference: USAID AFIA WASH A&E

To Whom It May Concern:

We, the undersigned, hereby provide the attached expression of interest to perform all work required to complete the activities and requirements as described in the above-referenced REOI. Please find our qualifications attached.

We hereby acknowledge and agree to all terms, conditions, special provisions, and instructions included in the above-referenced REOI. We further certify that the below-named firm—as well as the firm’s principal officers, and all goods and/or services offered in response to this EOI—are eligible to participate in this procurement under the terms of this solicitation and under USAID regulations.

Furthermore, we hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief:

- We have no close, familial, or financial relationships with any DT Global or Afia WASH staff members;
- We have no close, familial, or financial relationships with any other offerors submitting quotes in response to the above-referenced EOI; and
- All information in our offer and all supporting documentation is authentic and accurate.

We understand and agree to DT Global’s prohibitions against fraud, bribery, and kickbacks.

We hereby certify that the enclosed representations, certifications, and other statements are accurate, current, and complete.

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of Signatory: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Telephone and Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Registration or Taxpayer ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company DUNS Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Bank Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Company Name Associated with Bank Account: \_\_\_\_\_