

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND IRRIGATIONS
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

Country:

Republic of South Sudan

Name of Project:

The Climate Resilient Flood Management Project (CRFM)

Project ID:

P179169

Assignment Title:

Senior Financial Management Specialist

Reference No.:

SS-MWRI-333605-CS-INDV

Place of assignment: Closing Date:

Juba, South Sudan 8th March 2023

1. Background: The Government of the Republic of South Sudan (GRSS) represented by the Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation with the World Bank have formulated two projects to address key water sector challenges in South Sudan: (i) the Climate Resilient Flood Management Project (CRFM)that will be now integrated into the Phase 1 of the Regional Series of Projects on Climate Resilience (RCRP) for Eastern and Southern Africa and (ii) Regional Horn of Africa Ground Water for Resilience Project to be financed with a grant from the International Development Association of the World Bank.

- CRFM/RCRP:A comprehensive and long-term development approach to address water sector challenges in South Sudan is urgently needed to adapt to climate change and provide sustainable services that are gender and youth-inclusive and conflict-sensitive. Therefore, the Climate Resilient Flood Management project is an initial project under the RCRP Phase 1 (SS RCRP) meant to prepare for the long-term flood protection measures and investments. The initial support focuses on non-structural measures, including climate resilient water resource management planning, early warning, improved monitoring and forecasting capacities, flood risk mapping, and community level interventions, rehabilitation of existing flood protection infrastructures, including potential support to natural-capital based livelihood activities in flood-prone areas. The potential project financing for the CRFM/ of US\$ 215 million for a period of 5 years (2023 2028)
- GW4R: While on the other side the Horn of Africa (HoA) Groundwater for Resilience Project (GW4R) is meant to address development, access and management of South Sudan's rich and relatively untapped groundwater aquifers such as Sudd and Baggara. Unlocking the groundwater resources has potential to improve the livelihood and enhance the resilience to climate change impact in the borderlands and adjacent marginalized areas of the country. South Sudan through MWRI as expressed is joining the second phase of the regional HoA GW4R Project with project financing up to US\$ 40 million for a period of 6 years (2024 2030).

A Project preparation Advance (PPA) has been approved for the CRFM/SS RCRP project and the MWRI intends to apply part of the proceeds of the PPA towards recruitment of experts who will work alongside with the National staff drawn from the MWRI to support the PIU smooth implementation of both projects. This includes a Financial Management (FM) Specialist to support the function of the PIU in the financial management of the projects and contribute to capacity building of the Government staff.

A Project Management Unit (PMU) shall be established within the MWRI for CRFM with the primary task of project implementation and overseeing service providers, stakeholder outreach and communications, fiduciary and procurement management, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), community engagement, and risk management related to social and environmental safeguards, fiduciary oversight as well as maintaining infrastructure quality and standards.

The Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation intends to apply part of the proceeds of the grant to fund the position of a Financial Management Specialist to support implementation and monitoring progress of the CRFM by providing Professional input on financial management aspects of the Project. The Financial Management Specialist will oversee the financial management matters for CRFM & HoAGW4R Projects. He/she will be based in the Project Implementation Unit.

2. Scope of Services and Responsibilities: The scope of services for the position includes but not limited to the following duties and responsibilities:

Provide financial management support to the Project Management Unit. The Financial Management Specialist will be responsible for the all the financial management matters for CRFM & HoAGW4R Projects.

The Consultant will be required to undertake all tasks and deliver the outputs detailed in the Terms of Reference (TOR) that will be provided upon request through the email contact below.

- 3. Selection Criteria: Selection shall be based on qualification and experience of the candidate and followed by an interview. The qualification and experience required for short listing will include:
- (i) An advanced (Masters) degree in accounting, finance, economics, business or any related fields from a recognized university; (ii) Relevant professional qualification such as ACCA, CPA or equivalent, and membership of a recognized professional body in good and regular standing will be added advantage; (iii) At minimum of five years of post-qualification experience handling financial management responsibilities in the public sector and/or projects financed by development partners; (iv) At least three of the minimum five years of experience should be related to financial management responsibilities in projects funded by the World Bank or similar international organizations; (v) Good knowledge and application of relevant computerized accounting software such as QuickBooks / Navision or Pastel; (vi) Experience of Project Financial Management with international aid and development sector in FCV countries in sub-Sahara African is required and particularly South Sudan is highly desirable; (vii)Excellent

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written and oral communication skills, in English, to deliver complex technical documents, and reports; and (viii) Excellent computer skills, including Excel is required.

The shortlisted candidates will be invited for oral interview. Consultant will be required to possess the skills, concepts, knowledge and principles listed in the TOR.

Government officials or civil servants will not be considered unless: (i) they are on leave of absence without pay or have resigned or retired six months prior to the date of the advert; and (ii) their employment will not create Conflict of interest.

- **4. Duration:** Duration of the assignment is 24 months, renewable based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds.
- 5. The attention of interested individual consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' July 2016 revised November 2017, July 2018 and November 2020 [Procurement in investment Project Financing; Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services], setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest
- **6.** A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultants Selection method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations.
- 7. The MWRI now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services. Interested Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services and furnish the Curriculum Vitae (CV) in the prescribed form that will be provided with the TOR upon request from the e-mail address given below)

8. Submission of Applications and deadline:

Interested Applicants may obtain detailed TOR and the format for the CV from the below email. crfm.procurement@gmail.com

A signed Expressions of interest (EOI) and CV in the prescribed format with 3 reference persons must be sent to MWRI by Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 16:00 hours (Juba local time). The packages must be clearly marked as "Application for Senior Financial Management Specialist" and submitted to:

Directorate for Planning and Programs Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation Juba, Republic of South Sudan

Located at Hai Cinema near World Relief Or by Email to;

Email: crfm.procurement@gmail.com