



**NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY**  
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**UPPER ARUN HYDROELCTRIC PROJECT, ENGINEERING SERVICES DIRECTORATE**  
**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)**  
**(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)**  
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**Country** : Nepal  
**Name of Project** : Power Sector Reform and Sustainable Hydropower Development Project (PSRSHDP)  
**Credit No** :5728-NP  
**Assignment Title** :Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA)and Social Planning Studies (SPS) for Upper Arun Hydroelectric Project and IkhuwaKhola Hydropower Project  
**Reference No.** :PSRSHDP/NEA/S/QCBS-2

1. The Government of Nepal has obtained financing from the World Bank toward the cost of **Power Sector Reform and Sustainable Hydropower Development Project (PSRSHDP)** and Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), as one of the implementing agencies,intends to apply part of the proceeds to procure consulting services for Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Cumulative Impact Assessment (CIA) and Social Planning Studies (SPS) of Upper Arun Hydroelectric Project (UAHEP),and IkhuwaKhola Hydropower Project (IKHPP) (“the Projects”).
2. UAHEP is located at Sankhuwasabha District in Eastern Development Region (EDR) of Nepal. The project is a peaking Run-of River type Hydroelectric Project (HEP) with the installed capacity of 335 MW and gross annual output of 2,050 GWh. Its feasibility study was completed in 1991.

NEA intends to develop IkhuwaKhola Hydropower Project (IKHPP) of installed capacity 30 MW, which is expected to generate about 181 GWh annually, as an integral component of the project. As per the feasibility study conducted by the Department of Electricity Development (DoED), the project is located 8 km downstream of the Upper Arun Powerhouse site and 5 km upstream of the proposed headwork site of Arun III HEP.

3. The consultingservices (“the Services”) consist of carrying outof ESIA, CIA and related SPS for the projects, in line with relevant acts, regulation and policy of the Government of Nepal and relevant safeguard policies and guidelines of the World Bank Group. The services should cover both UAHEP & IKHPP and all ancillary facilities and linked activities associated with construction and operation of these two projects including but not limited to: access roads and bridges, construction camps, quarries, borrow and spoil disposal areas, transmission line etc.

The consulting firm shall coordinate with another consulting firm responsible for Detail Engineering Design of the UAHEP and IKHPP for the purpose of sharing relevant information

  
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about the projects. It is expected that the Services will be completed in **Eighteen (18)** months.

4. NEA invites EOI from eligible interested International Consulting Firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Experience in Asia, and the Himalayan Region in particular, is preferable. Specific areas of expertise required include: determination of minimum ecological flow, hydrology and sediment management, climate change impact assessment for hydropower projects, aquatic and terrestrial ecology in the Himalayas or similar biomes, indigenous people issues, involuntary resettlement and livelihood restoration, community benefit-sharing, and management of broader social impacts associated with large scale hydropower development in a river basin and other related aspects.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The major shortlisting criteria are:

- Consulting firms (including JV partners, if any) must have been legally registered for at least ten (10) years from the last date of submission of EOI;
- Minimum average annual turnover of best three years over the last five years shall be US\$ 1.0 Million.
- Minimum experience of completion of ESIA/EIA of at least One (1) hydroelectric project of installed capacity 200 MW or more in the last twenty (20) years preceding from the last date of submission of EOI.
- Experience in CIA, Social Impact Assessment (SIA), resettlement action plan (RAP), and vulnerable community development plan (VCDP) or indigenous people development plan (IPDP) of hydropower or other infrastructure development projects.

Following documents shall be submitted along with the EOI application by all eligible Consulting firms including JV firms.

- Copies of Certificate(s) of incorporation or Registration of the consulting firm.
- Financial Statements of the preceding five (5) consecutive fiscal years but not earlier than the year 2010.
- Company Profile.

The consulting firms must provide information on relevant jobs undertaken during the last twenty (20) years giving a brief description of each job undertaken, the funding source(s), contract amount and information of the employer.

5. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers - January 2011, revised July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”). The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the Consultant Guidelines setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
6. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Experience and Qualification of other firms, whether parent or subsidiary firm, will not be considered for evaluation. Likewise, qualification and experience of

  
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the consulting firm associated as a sub-consultancy will not be considered for evaluation for short listing.

7. All submittals from the consulting firms shall be in the English language.
8. A brief description of UAHEP and IKHPP, outlined scope and shortlisting procedure including this request for EoI can be either downloaded from the NEA's website: [www.nea.org.np](http://www.nea.org.np) or collected from the address mentioned below.
9. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.
10. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address mentioned below on or before 15:00 hrs.local time February 13, 2017. If the last date of submission happens to be a public holiday, the submission shall be made on the next working day. However, NEA shall not be responsible in any case it is not able to receive/download the file due to the size of the attachmentbelow on or before 15:00 hrs. local time February 13, 2017.The submission shall be made in person, or by mail, or by e-mailand shall be clearly marked "**Expression of Interest (EOI) for Consulting Services: ESIA, CIA and SPS of Upper ArunHydroelectric Project and IkhuwaKholaHydropower Projects**".
11. NEA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications, or to cancel the entire proceedings without giving any reasons whatsoever.

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