

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

REPUBLIC OF LEBANON

LEBANON ELECTRICITY SERVICES EMERGENCY SUPPORT PROJECT
(P177846)

Assignment Title:

**ENGAGEMENT OF INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENT (IVA) TO
VERIFY THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE BASED CONDITIONS
(PBCs)**

Reference No.: MoEW/428/5/2022

The Government of Lebanon has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Lebanon Electricity Services Emergency Support Project (P177846) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The World Bank will be using Performance Based Conditions (PBC) for the implementation of this Project. The objective of the project is to provide emergency support to improve electricity supply in Lebanon while reducing electricity sector costs and improving its operational efficiency.

The PBC's link the disbursement of funds with results through the achievement of specified conditions that will unlock financing for the Government of Lebanon. These are set out in three PBC's, and 18 associated PBC Linked Results. For each PBC, allocated amounts, baselines, yearly targets, conditions of achievements, verification protocols, deadlines for achievement, and determination of the amount to be disbursed have been defined.

The consulting services ("the Services") include the verification, in accordance with the methodology to be agreed, that the results as laid out in the PBC matrix have been physically delivered, in an approved manner, and properly documented.

Results will be verified through administrative data, independent verification, and consultations with beneficiaries and partners to confirm the submitted data and test the accuracy of results claimed. In accordance with good audit and assessment practices, verification will take place against a sampling framework and frequency.

The successful Consultant, which may be a consortium, will ideally be experienced in financial and technical audit.

March 2022



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The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are here attached under Annex A.

The Ministry of Energy & Water of the Republic of Lebanon now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: (i) Verifiable and significant experience in Independent Verification and should have successfully delivered at least two similar assignments within the past 5 years, (ii) Proven experience in data collection, analysis, and research in the field of audit, project management, or any other relevant field, (iii) Proven experience in conducting physical checks, surveys, and interviews, (iv) Auditing and/or technical auditing expertise, (v) At least three (3) years' experience working on similar assignments in the region, (vi) Experience in working with public sector. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested 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 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality- and Cost- Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the email address below during office hours from 8:00 till 16:00:

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form with the following title to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by March 20th, 2022.

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