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**GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTERESTS
CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PROJECT DETAILED DESIGN FOR THE UPGRADE OF
TOURIST DESTINATION SITES
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Sierra Leone possesses pristine beaches and islands, mountains and rich biodiversity, interesting wildlife, friendliness and rich cultural capital among people and its special place in the world history of anti-slavery movement as ‘the land of the free. The Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) has officially prioritized tourism in the newly formulated National Development Plan 2019 -2023. The National Tourism Policy states the goal of tourism in Sierra Leone is to support economic diversification, promote tourism-based rural enterprises, generate employment, accelerate rural-urban integration and foster socio-cultural unity among the various regions of the country through the promotion of domestic and international tourism. Its National Ecotourism policy states the goal of receiving 20,000 international and 30,000 domestic ecotourism visits to sites by 2025.

The Government of Sierra Leone is implementing the Economic Diversification Project financed by the World Bank to support the Government’s agenda in the tourism sector. The Project will take an integrated destination approach to improve the performance of Sierra Leone’s tourism sector. This will include facilitating the reduction of barriers to business success, assisting existing tourism providers with market access, and improving the quality of selected tourism products in order to place the country’s tourism sector on a sustainable and inclusive growth trajectory. This includes the upgrade and development of tourist sites with vast economic and cultural potential.

Feasibility studies and draft concept of the project design for each of the sites has been prepared and the Project now requires the services of a consulting firm to finalize the concept design and undertake all technical surveys to ensure the successful implementation of the projects.

1. THE PROJECT COMPONENTS

Acknowledging that economic diversification is a process that can take decades to occur, the goal of this project is to contribute to setting that process in place. This will be done by promoting improvements in overall conditions that can promote investments and firm growth (horizontal interventions such as business environment) while also directly promoting growth and competitiveness of specific non-mining sectors in the economy (interventions such as SME and entrepreneurship support and targeted infrastructure investments).

The project consists of three components: (1) Business Environment and Capacity Building (2) SMEs and Entrepreneurship, and (3) Project Management and Evaluation.

The Project will under Component 2 invest in public goods to increase the competitiveness of SMEs and attract private sector investment in selected tourist destination sites particularly in the wake of COVID-19. This will include the improving six tourist destination sites five located in the Western Peninsula and one outside of Freetown. These sites were selected based on four criteria (i) product viability; (ii) economic impact including the potential to generate additional investment; (iii) community inclusion and (iv) sustainability and resilience to climate change risk.

Out of the six selected tourist destinations, three of them comprising Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary, Leicester Peak, and Bureh Beach are currently undergoing rehabilitation. This TOR is for preparing the detailed design for the remaining three sites: River Number 2, Kent and Banana Island, and Bonthe. The scope of civil works to be undertaken varies by site but includes construction of various facilities at the destination sites, drainage, water supply, energy provision (grid hookups where possible or solar energy), signage, parking, and walkways. The project also supports solid and liquid waste management activities. Detailed Project Concepts have been developed and approved for each of the facility during project preparation. This project will complete the final design, prepare bidding and contract documents.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The services of a qualified and experienced professional firm of consulting architects and engineers (Project Design) is required to deliver preliminary and detailed design to the Project Coordinating Unit (PCU) and the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs (MTCA) for the 3 sites. Detailed work descriptions of the three sites based on the concept design are highlighted below, the consultant is required to advise on the most suitable solutions where necessary.

The full Terms of Reference can be requested for via email to osmantommy@sledp.info and copy sleconomicdiversification@gmail.com

Mode of Application

The Project Fiduciary Management Unit of Ministry of Finance now invites eligible firms to express their interest in providing the services. The firm should provide information demonstrating having the required relevant qualification and experience for the assignment. The Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with Consultant's Qualification-based Selection method set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers- Procurement in Investment Projects Financing" Published July 2016, Revised November 2017, July 2018, November 2020 and September 2023 ("Procurement Regulations"). The evaluation shall be based on the relevant qualification and experience of the firm for the assignment.

The expression of interest should be addressed to:

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Closing Date:

The Closing Date and time for receipt of applications is **23rd October 2024 at 16:00pm.**

Note: Only the recommended firm will be contacted