

**NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY**  
(A Government of Nepal Undertaking)  
**ENGINEERING SERVICE DIRECTORATE**  
**ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT**

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

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**Country** : Nepal  
**Name of Project** : South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Power System Expansion Project (PSEP)

Loan No. 3139/Grant No. 0397

**Assignment Title: Safeguards Implementation and Monitoring Work of SASEC Project**

1. Nepal Electricity Authority has received financing assistance from the Asian Development Bank with co-financing from Norway and loan from European Investment Bank toward the cost of Safeguards Implementation and Monitoring Work of SASEC Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. The consulting services (“the Services”) include Safeguards Implementation and Monitoring Work of SASEC Project. The services are required for national level qualified consulting firms for a time period of 48 months spread over 72 months.
3. The Environment and Social Studies Department, Nepal Electricity Authority now invites EOI from Consulting Firms or Joint Venture (JV) firms that have proven experiences in carrying out the EIA of hydropower project with installed capacity of 50MW and above or EIA of Transmission Line Project 132 kV and above in last 15 years as per Environment Protection Rules 1997 or in line with World Bank Group /ADB safeguard policies.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. All the Consulting firms including JV firms must have been legally registered for at least **five (5) years** from the last date of submission of EOI.

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

- A copy of Company’s Registration Certificate of the consulting firm required by law and issued by the authorized agency.
  - Audited Financial Statements of the preceding five consecutive fiscal years but not earlier than the fiscal year 2068/069. Minimum average annual turnover of best three years over the last five years shall be NRs. 7 Million.
  - VAT/PAN Registration Certificate.
  - Tax clearance Certificate for the F/Y 2072/073
  - Power of Attorney is required for Joint Venture
  - Company Profile including the client work completion certificate.
4. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture 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 the consulting firm associated as a sub-consultancy will not be considered for evaluation for short listing.
5. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in two printed copies (One original and one photocopy) to the address mentioned below on or before 12:00 hrs local time on 16<sup>th</sup> day after publication of first notice). If the last date of submission happens to be a public holiday, the submission shall be made on the next working day. The submission shall be made in sealed envelope and the title shall be "Expression of Interest (EOI) for Consulting Services: "Safeguards Implementation and Monitoring Work of SASEC Project." EOI received by the due date and within the specified time will be opened at 2.00 PM on the 16<sup>th</sup> day after publication of first notice.
  6. Short listing of the Consultants will be carried out according to the Economic Administration Regulation, 2068 of NEA. The EOI documents submitted by consultant or joint venture Firms will be evaluated on the basis of the evaluation criteria approved by NEA. The top ranked six firms obtaining at least 600 and above points out of total 1000 points in the EOI evaluation process will be listed for the said consultancy services as qualified firms.
  7. All submittals from the consulting firms shall be in the English language.
  8. The list of firms qualified in EOI process will be notified in due course of time for the submission of Technical and financial proposals i.e. Request for proposal (RFP) Process. During RFP process, the consulting firm will be selected in accordance with Quality and Cost Based Selection procedure (QCBS).
  9. A brief description of scope of services and criteria for short-listing of consulting firms 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.
  10. NEA-ESSD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications, or to cancel the entire proceedings without giving any reasons whatsoever.
  11. Further information on the EOI can be obtained from NEA-ESSD during office hours in all working days prior to the deadline of submission of completed EOI.

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