EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Consultant – Survey on Barriers and Solutions to Sustainable Energy Financing Project (SEFP) Loan Uptake

The Department of Energy within the Ministry of Infrastructure & Transport is now seeking for a firm/consortium to conduct the Survey on Barriers and Solutions to Sustainable Energy Financing Project Loan Uptake. The key objective of the SEFP Survey is to measure and profile levels of access to and use of financial services by all energy users, across income ranges and other demographics, and making this information available for use by key stakeholders such as policy-makers, regulators, and financial service providers. SEFP aims to make financial markets work for the poor by conducting research to identify the systemic constraints that prevent financial markets from reaching out to the consumers and by advocating for change on the basis of research findings. Its purpose is to start processes of change that ultimately lead to the development of financial systems that can benefit all consumers. It also provides insight into attitudes and perceptions regarding financial products and services.

Selection Criteria:

The consultant shall have the following qualifications:

- The selected firm/consortium shall possess demonstrated experience of sound evaluation design, experiences in conducting large scale surveys, experiences in developing questionnaires, excellent in analytical work, strong capacity and experience in planning and organizing survey logistics, strong capacity in data management and statistics.
- The team should be led by a Team Leader who should have:
  - at least a Master’s level qualification in economics, sociology or other relevant field, and at least 5 years of track record experience in qualitative and quantitative survey.
  - should have sufficient expertise and experience in community development, social and beneficiary assessment, participatory rapid appraisal methods, qualitative analytical skills, sampling, and statistical analysis.
  - should also have good writing skills in English.
  - should also have some working knowledge of the Fiji renewable energy sector, financial management system, and rules and regulations of Fiji government.
- Team members should have a proven track record of experience in economical and sociological research as well as a sufficient general understanding of social development issues.

Bids on your company letter head are to be placed in a properly sealed envelope and marked “QUOTATION, Consultant – Survey on Barriers and Solutions to Sustainable Energy Financing Project (SEFP) Loan Uptake”. The bid should be placed in the DOE Tender box at Ground Floor, Nasilivata House, Samabula no later than 3.30pm on Friday 08/04/16. We will accept e-mailed bids and these must reach info@fdoe.gov.fj no later than 3.00pm on Friday 08/04/16. Bids should clearly show applicable local taxes. Details on the Terms of Reference can be obtained from Mr. Vamarasi Kafoa on Ph. 3389760 (email: vamarasi.kafoa@moit.gov.fj). Late applications will not be considered.