



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION MANAGER (RIM) FOR EITI BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE

Background

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global standard that promotes transparency and accountability in the oil, gas and mining sectors. Transparency about government revenues from the extractive sector is important for accountability, but tells citizens little about who owns extractive companies and ultimately benefits from the companies' activities. The identity of the real owners – the 'beneficial owners' of the companies that have obtained rights to extract oil, gas and minerals is often unknown, hidden by a chain of unaccountable corporate entities. This problem affects other sectors and often helps to feed corruption, tax evasion and money laundering. People who live in resource rich countries are at risk of losing out as wealth generated by extractive industries are often misallocated and wasted.

The EITI International Board has agreed that by 1 January 2020, all implementing countries including PNG must ensure that corporate entities that bid for, operate or invest in extractive assets disclose the identities of their beneficial owners. The EITI requirement will ensure that beneficial ownership information is made available through public registers and this information must be included in the country's EITI Reports, or the report should include a link to an online beneficial ownership information platform. In order to ensure that the necessary preparatory steps are taken to disclose beneficial ownership information by 2020, all implementing countries including PNG published their roadmaps early this year. The Roadmap now needs to be implemented commencing this year to December 2019.

Objective

The objective of the project is to ensure all activities in the Roadmap is implemented by the RIM with oversight from PNGEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) and the National Secretariat. There are 33 activities listed in the Beneficial Ownership Roadmap to be implemented.

The RIM is expected to implement some or all of the 33 activities with clear timeline for delivering each of the milestone. However, in cases where the RIM is not able to execute an activity or a number of activities, or all of the activities, the RIM has the option to sub-contract to a third party in consultation with the PNGEITI National Secretariat and the MSG. It is anticipated that the successful bidder will then discuss with the PNGEITI National Secretariat in detail the list of activities to be sub-contracted and to specify the reporting channel for these activities.

Qualifications and Experiences

The RIM must be able to meet all relevant criteria and due diligence requirements and must demonstrate some experience in the oil, gas and mining sectors, preferably in Papua New Guinea. Prior international or local experience in undertaking EITI projects would be an advantage but not necessary. The Consultant should also have some background knowledge in the areas of corporate or company laws, especially the laws and regulations governing extractive companies operating in PNG.

Specifically, the Consultant will need to demonstrate some experience in natural resource governance and legal framework including:

- Documenting government policy specific to oil, gas and minerals, or similar experience documenting the laws, regulations and policies that govern government operations in PNG and internationally.
- Analyzing and interpreting mineral, oil and gas leasing, royalty contracts, and the legal and regulatory interpretations of those agreements.
- Managing and interpreting policies with respect to leasing, production and revenue reporting for use of the natural resource attributes of the national government's assets, as well as taxation of the extractive industries.
- Documenting government policy on contracts, project agreements and licenses that govern the exploration and exploitation of oil, gas and minerals which would include identifying relevant laws, regulations, and financial systems that govern the extractive sector.
- PNG governance of natural resources transparency and accountability issues, and accounting and legal expertise in natural resource governance.

Selection Criteria

The eligibility criteria, shortlisting and selection procedure for the successful bidder will be in conformity with the World Bank and the PNG Government procurement guidelines.

Timeline

This is a multi-year contract and the assignment is estimated to take approximately 2.5 years from July 2017 to December 2019. Interested bidders should obtain a copy of the Terms of Reference (ToR), PNG BO Roadmap and the BO Scoping Study Report from the PNGEITI National Secretariat or on its website at www.pngeiti.org.pg. The Roadmap provides full details on the list of activities and the scope of work involved.

Closing date for submissions

EOI must be received no later than 4:30 pm on the 14th of June, 2017. Submissions could be emailed to [Francis Diakon on Francis_Diakon@treasury.gov.pg](mailto:Francis_Diakon@treasury.gov.pg) or can be delivered to the PNGEITI National Secretariat Office on level 8 of The Treasury Building or mailed to:

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