

**GOVERNMENT OF GHANA**



**WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION**

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**SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE PROVISION OF  
CONSULTANCY SERVICES**

This specific Procurement Notice (SPN) follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in the UN Development Business No. WB5717-11/14 of November 12, 2014.

The Government of Ghana has received a grant from the World Bank towards the implementation of the Disaster Risk Management Country Plan Project and intends to apply part of its budgetary allocation for the payment of consultancy services for **Consultancy Services to carry out socio-economic study and Development of community communication strategy**

**Relevant Project background**

The government of Ghana is committed to providing long-term solutions to floods such as the recent events that affected development and livelihoods in the three regions of the North and in particular to initiate a comprehensive development plan to support growth opportunities in the North. As part of that effort, following re-occurring floods in the three Northern regions of Ghana, the Government of Ghana in 2010 requested financial and technical support from the World Bank to carry out flood hazard assessment and develop flood early warning systems (FEWS) to minimize the impacts of floods on lives, property and the environment.

Following the successful implementation of the flood hazard assessment and the development of early warning systems in the White Volta basin and high-level stakeholder discussions at dissemination workshop in July 2013, the Government of Ghana requested assistance for further

strengthening flood management through the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) country plan. The Global facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), managed by the World Bank, has responded to the request and allocated a grant of US\$ 1.3 million for the country DRM plan.

### **Overall Objective**

The overall Project Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen flood management in the White Volta Basin by building capacity of the national agencies responsible for flood management for improved climate resilience in Ghana

### **Information on specific task**

Following the floods in 2010 an assessment of the hydrology and underlying causes of the floods as well as a flood forecasting and early warning system was developed for the White Volta Basin from the border with Burkina Faso to Lake Volta. The FEWS Volta (Flood Early Warning System) provides flood forecasts with a 1 to 3 day lead-time for most stretches of the White Volta River. This assignment is therefore intended to conduct a baseline survey to profile the socioeconomic activities and develop an effective communication strategy in collaboration with NADMO and the District Assemblies to improve upon flood communication in the affected communities. The consultants will pay particular attention to the specific role of women, youth, elderly, disabled and other vulnerable groups and propose a concrete way of flood communication.

Based on the baseline assessment the consultants will conduct focus group discussions to identify concrete experiences of flooding in the communities and discuss warning and alarm triggers and identify appropriate early action. The consultants will discuss and identify traditional means of adapting to flooding and make appropriate recommendations for improving them. Appropriate communication means will be identified by the consultants and can - among others, but not limited to - consist of radio, cell phone, newspaper, television, loudspeaker or any other form of (mass) communication. The consultants will propose appropriate ways of reaching different groups, such as traditional, faith based, community, professional organizations, sports, schools and youth groups.

The assignment will require a household survey to investigate socio economic activities within the flood prone areas. The use of GIS and statistical tools will be required to carry out the socio-economic analyses. Furthermore, this assignment will require working in close collaboration with district planning officers, community members, especially vulnerable groups, Disaster Volunteers Groups (VDGs) and Traditional Authority.

The Water Resources Commission now invites consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested firms must provide a statement of capability and experience indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills etc.).

A short list of six consulting firms or Individuals will be compiled in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank Procurement Guidelines.

Written expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below on or before 10.00HRS  
Wednesday October 14, 2015.

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