

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Country:	Ukraine
Sector:	Municipal and environmental infrastructure
Project title:	Project Implementation Unit Support (PIU Support) for Kremenchuk DH: Construction of heat generating capacities and modernisation of DH system in Kremenchuk City
Contract type:	Consulting services
Issue date:	15th May 2020
Closing Date:	5th June 2020

Project/Assignment Description: During 2019 a Priority Investment Project of about EUR 13 million was developed in close partnership with the City of Kremenchuk.

The project aims to build up needed heating capacity within a single residential area in Kremenchuk. Biomass boilers as well as natural gas boilers are considered in the project as well as other infrastructural improvements, which will increase reliability, raise service quality and ultimately reduce environmental impacts and the cost level of operation.

A large part of the preparatory work was financed by Danida Sustainable Infrastructure Finance (DSIF). NEFCO is considering Loan Financing to the project and DSIF is considering a significant investment grant contribution to the project.

The investment project will be implemented from the second half of 2020 and NEFCO is expecting to contract a qualified Consultant to carry out a PIU support function to work together with the local Project Implementation Unit.

The scope of work will include, but is not limited to, the below main assignments and responsibilities:

- Support in capacity building of PIU; Support in project implementation;
- Support in design and preparation of technical specifications / tender documents;
- Procurement and support;
- Support in ensuring compliance with Financing Agreements and other agreements;
- Support in contract administration and works supervision;
- Arrangement of timely disbursements under the contracts;
- Support in preparation and reporting on ESAP.

Only shortlisted consultants will receive a detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and a Request for Proposals (RfP) with instructions. Parts of the developed feasibility study is expected to be made available for shortlisted consultants. From receiving ToR, at least three (3) weeks will be given to the consultants to submit a proposal.

Assignment Start Date and Duration: The Request for Proposals is expected to be issued in June 2020. The Assignment is expected to start in early August 2020 and has an estimated overall duration of 30 months.

Cost Estimate for the Assignment: A total maximum budget of approximate EUR 350.000 (exclusive of VAT) is expected to be allocated for the assignment.

Funding: The consultant's selection and contracting will be subject to availability of funding. Funds may be allocated from Danida Sustainable Infrastructure Finance (DSIF) and administered by NEFCO.

Eligibility: There are no eligibility restrictions.

Consultant Profile: The consultant will be a firm or consortium of firms with extensive Project Implementation Unit Support (PIU) experience in DH and energy efficiency sector in Ukraine.

Based on the fields of expertise and the tasks mentioned above, it is envisioned that the team of the Consultant should consist of at least the following experts:

- Team Leader – Specialist in DH with extensive international experience
- Local Project Manager with PIU Support Experience
- Specialist in international procurement
- Financial and disbursement specialist
- Heating Engineer
- Other useful competencies (DH networks Engineer, Gas Boiler Engineer, Biomass Boiler Engineer, Environmental Engineer)

All key experts should have at least 5 years of experience in the DH sector, as well as prior experience with implementation support of energy-efficiency infrastructure projects funded by IFIs. It is further expected that all proposed experts have excellent written and communication skills in English, fluency in Ukrainian will be considered advantageous.

Submission Requirements: Interested consultants are invited to submit their Expression of Interest (EoI). In order to determine the capability and experience of Consultants seeking to be selected for this Assignment, the information submitted should include the following:

1. Company/group of firms' profile, organisation and staffing, including the presentation of the proposed expert team for the assignment.
2. Details of previous project experience or similar assignments particularly undertaken in the previous five years in DH sector, including information on contract value, contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration (months and years), expert months provided (if different from duration), main activities and objectives.
3. CVs of key experts who could carry out the Assignment detailing education, language skills, qualifications, experience in similar assignments, particularly assignments undertaken in the previous five years, including information on contracting entity/client, project location/country, duration (months and years, from - to), expert months provided, assignment budget, main activities and accomplishments.

The above information should **not exceed** 30 pages **including** CVs and any supplementary information.

The complete Expression of Interest (including CVs) should be submitted in English electronically through email (procurement@nefco.fi with copy to bo.nyhus@nefco.fi) to reach NEFCO not later than the closing date/time. The Expression of Interest shall be one (1) file (pdf) not exceeding 5MB in size. NEFCO reserves the right to reject applications of firms submitting more than one file.

The short list (expected 3 to 6) of qualified and experienced firms will be prepared from responses to this notification. Only the short-listed Consultants will be contacted and asked to submit technical and financial proposals, from which the highest-ranked Consultant will be selected.

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NEFCO is an international financial institution established by the five Nordic countries. It finances investments and projects primarily in Ukraine, Belarus, Georgia and Russia as well as climate projects across the world. To date, NEFCO has a number of municipal infrastructure energy-efficiency projects implemented in Ukraine. Projects in public buildings are prioritised as their implementation often results in significant energy efficiency and environmental improvements, as well as bring social benefits.