



SOUTHERN AFRICA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (SADC-GMI)

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION

**CONSULTANCY FOR CONJUNCTIVE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
RESEARCH IN THE SHIRE RIVER BASIN**

Contract No. CS2017/18

The Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) Secretariat, through the Directorate of Infrastructure and Services – Water Division, in Gaborone, Botswana received a grant through the World Bank to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management in SADC Member States project. The SADC Secretariat has delegated the implementation of the project to the Southern African Development Community Groundwater Management Institute (SADC-GMI), a newly established regional centre of excellence on groundwater management hosted by the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

The SADC-GMI wishes to apply part of the grant to procure consulting services (“the Services”) to support the development and application an approach for conjunctive water management in the Shire transboundary river-aquifer system to be implemented until 31 January 2019. The envisaged duration of the assignment is 15 months. The services include:

- Compiling, synthesizing and disseminating surface and groundwater data and information (including on their dynamic interaction) in the Shire river/aquifer system which is shared between Malawi and Mozambique;
- Participatory identification of cross-border water issues requiring shared management and development of institutional mechanisms that support the achievement of equitable and sustainable resilience-strengthening water use approaches based on conjunctive management
- Documentation and dissemination of regionally-relevant principles and guidelines for promotion of transboundary conjunctive management of river/aquifer systems based on the Shire river/aquifer system study.

The SADC-GMI, now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- a. Evidence showing that the firm is a legal entity (certificate of registration);
- b. Evidence showing the fields of specialty of the firm (consultant's profile/brochures);
- c. General Experience of the Firm(s) in Consulting Services relating to undertaking research in the water sector spanning more than 10 years to date and specific expertise in the conjunctive water resources management concept;
- d. Experience of working in a similar geographical region (sub-Saharan Africa and particularly the SADC region);
- e. Availability of Professional Key Staff with Suitable Qualifications in the field of assignment;
- f. Evidence of previous experience successfully implementing at least 2 similar research projects involving two or more countries sharing a transboundary water resources system in the SADC region;
- g. Evidence showing the technical and managerial capabilities of the firm working on projects with complex institutional settings in a regional context;

- h. Brief description (not more than 3 pages) of the proposed Methodology of carrying out the scope of the work.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers – January 2011, revised July 2014, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours i.e. 08:00 am-4:00pm, Monday – Friday

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail or by email) by 4:00pm on **20 July 2017**

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