



SOUTHERN AFRICA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (SADC-GMI)

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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION**

**CONSULTANCY FOR FOLLOW-UP IMPACT EVALUATION OF PILOT PROJECTS  
IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER AND DROUGHT MANAGEMENT  
PROJECT IN THE LIMPOPO BASIN**

*Contract No. CS2017/07*

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 undertake a follow-up study of all the 7 pilot projects in the Limpopo river basin implemented under the SADC Groundwater and Drought Management project (2007-2011) in Botswana (Gobojango, Tsetsebjwe), Zimbabwe (Diti, Wunga) and South Africa (Maheni, Segole, Shakudza), to determine the reasons for the current status of the projects as well as recommending specific actions to be undertaken either to operationalise or abandon the projects. The envisaged level of effort for the assignment is 80 mandays to be deployed in the period until 31 October 2017.

The services include visiting all the 7 pilot projects sites to answer the following key questions about each project:

- a. Did the schemes ever work or when were they abandoned?
- b. Why were the schemes abandoned?
- c. Who is considered the owner of the scheme?
- d. Why some of the schemes are not in use but still in a good condition?
- e. Is it possible to resuscitate some of the projects from a community point of view and how should this be organized?
- f. Who will own the scheme, who will operate the scheme, who will be responsible for Operation and Maintenance (O&M)?
- g. What are the rehabilitation costs to bring the schemes back into operation?

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 from a social, environmental, engineering infrastructure and groundwater management perspective. 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 in Consulting Services relating to groundwater community infrastructure projects installation, operation and maintenance spanning at least 5 years prior to date;
- d. Experience of working in a similar geographical region (SADC region);

- e. Availability of Professional Key Staff with Suitable Qualifications in the field of the assignment;
- f. Evidence of at least 3 similar projects previously successfully completed, particularly in the SADC region;
- g. Evidence showing the technical and managerial capabilities of the firm in the field of assignment;
- h. Brief description (not more than 2 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 Consultant's Qualification Selection (CQS) 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 **12:00noon (Pretoria Time) on Monday, 10 July 2017**

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