

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Project Name: Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation & Access Project  
Country: United republic of Tanzania  
TITLE: Consultancy Services for Heritage impact assessment (HIA)  
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### 1. Project Background

The RGoZ has obtained funding from the World Bank to implement the Zanzibar Energy Sector Transformation and Access (ZESTA) Project to address key challenges in the sector arising from sole reliance on the limited submarine transmission capacity from mainland, which will, without additional supply options, result in supply rationing and load shedding during the peak demand period in Unguja. The other challenge in the sector is inadequate distribution system capacity that is causing high technical losses and preventing reliable and efficient supply and the acceleration of electricity access scale-up. The ZESTA Project thus aims to expand access to reliable and efficient electricity services and to scale up renewable energy generation in Zanzibar.

The project is implemented by the Ministry of Water, Energy and Minerals (MoWEM) and the government-owned Zanzibar Electricity Corporation (ZECO), which is responsible for generation, transmission, distribution, and the sale of electricity in both Unguja and Pemba islands. The project will support (i) development of Zanzibar island's first grid-scale 18MWp solar PV generation plant and battery storage infrastructure to improve security of supply in Unguja and help to meet the growing electricity demand in the near term, while paving the way for future scale-up of renewable energy; (ii) construction of the first 132kV high voltage transmission backbone infrastructure to meet the growing power demand, evacuate power from the solar PV power plant and improve power supply quality and reliability across Unguja, as well as investments for distribution network refurbishment and strengthening and last-mile household connectivity scale-up; and (iii) project implementation, sector institutional strengthening, and design and implementation of key planning, strategy, and regulatory frameworks.

Against this backdrop, ZECO will be implementing the investments for distribution network refurbishment and strengthening and last-mile household connectivity scale-up and intends to procure a consulting firm or consortium to support the preparation, design, procurement, and supervision of the implementation of these investments.

The consulting firm minimum requirement for this assignment are as follows:

- a) At least ten (10) years' experience in consulting services related to cultural heritage impact assessments.
- b) Relevant similar experience, which should specifically include successfully carried out at least five (5) assignments of similar nature and scope in heritage assessment in the Sub-Saharan Africa region or similar conditions. Experience of working in Zanzibar and or Tanzania would be an advantage.
- c) Technical and managerial capability of the firm in heritage assessment, mitigation, and monitoring measures.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations Nov 2020 (Fourth Edition), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: [www.zeco.co.tz/index.php/en](http://www.zeco.co.tz/index.php/en)

## **2. Request for Clarification:**

Interested consultancy firms may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 0800hrs to 1700hrs working days only.

## **3. How to Apply:**

Interested Consultant may apply and deliver its expressions of interest in a written form to the address below in person (hard copy along with an USB drive), or e-mail on or before **21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 1400 hours, EAT.**

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