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Gambia Sustainable Energy Project Request for Information

The Government of the Gambia (GoTG) has received financing from the European Investment Bank (EIB) towards its Gambia Sustainable Energy Project within the Gambia Renewable Energy Framework. The Component 4 of the Framework consists of designing, supplying, installation, and operation and maintenance of on-grid/off-grid solar photovoltaic (PV) energy systems at up to 1,000 schools and 99 health facilities in the country (the Project). The preliminary calculations resulted in a wide range of systems' sizes - from 2 kWp for schools to 100 kWp for hospitals. The identified project sites are spread all over the country with approximately 417 schools, 46 health centers and 11 hospitals already connected to the grid, but with unreliable electricity supply due to the frequent blackouts. The remaining facilities are off-grid.

EIB has selected Azorom Limited to assist GoTG in implementing this project. To assess the interest of the contractors in implementing the project, Azorom is inviting contractors to submit their interest by providing some information of their company and the works they have performed in implementing and providing operation and maintenance (O&M) services for on-grid / off-grid solar PV energy systems in the international development space.

The scope of the upcoming contract includes:

1. Design of on-grid/off-grid solar photovoltaic (PV) energy systems to be supplied and installed.
2. Supply and installation of the PV energy systems at their locations across the country.

Description	# of facilities	Energy blocks	# of blocks
Hospitals	11	100 kWp / 240 kWh	11
Health Centers	88	4 kWp / 10 kWh	214
Schools	1,000	2 kWp / 5 kWh	1,002

3. Operation and maintenance of the installed PV energy systems for an initial period of 5 years, from date of expiry of initial one-year contractor warranty after installation.

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Specifically, Azorom is looking for the following information from the interested contractors:

- Capabilities of the contractors (technical, managerial, design, and staffing) and reference projects of the respondents, with the emphasis on solar PV systems' installations at public and community institutions like schools and hospitals;
- Proposed brief approach and technology options, with the emphasis on long-term energy supply and results-based monitoring;
- Suggestions on project management, with the emphasis on working in remote locations of the Gambia;
- Approach to EPC/O&M with the emphasis on long- and short-term O&M;
- Potential collaborations with the local contractors to utilize local resources and capacity building in the solar PV space in the country.

The contractors who provided their response will be informed when the bidding process is announced in the Gambian media and in the Official Journal of the European Union. Please note that the bidding process will be conducted, and contractor selection will be made in accordance with the procurement procedures of the European Investment Bank as set out in the EIB's Guide to Procurement.

Interested contractors may obtain further information by contacting Shahid Chaudhry, Project Team Lead, and Pavel Cemirtan, Project Procurement Specialist.

Requested information must be delivered electronically to the email addresses below by **August 12, 2020**.

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