



Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone

**Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs (MMRPA)**

**Name of Project: Mining Technical Assistance Project (MTAP)**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN GEOCHEMICAL MAPPING OF SIERRA LEONE**

**Request No. : MMRPA/MTAP/CS03/10**

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

Sierra Leone has made some efforts to conduct geochemical studies in the country but these have been confined to stream sediment sampling and analysis to serve as mineral exploration research projects. Further geochemical investigations are needed to uncover the potential of Sierra Leone's much promising but under-explored geological structure.

Towards this end the Government of Sierra Leone has received a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Mining Technical Assistance Project (MTAP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to eligible payments under the contract for **Technical Assistance in Geotechnical Mapping of Sierra Leone**. The technical assistance will be required for a period of 24 months.

## **2. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

The main objective of the assignment is to provide baseline geoscientific information for mineral exploration *through* a study of the distribution of important metallic elements in selected areas of the nation's land surface. The main tasks of the assignment shall include but not limited to:

1. Perform geochemical/geological investigations of nine areas (selected topographic sheets); target coltan, gold, base metals, iron ore and titanium group (varies by sheets);

2. Geochemical maps of nine (9) sheets on a scale of 1:10,000 covering the zones surveyed, and the geological map of the Kassila Group at the scale of 1:10,000;
3. Prepare mineral potential assessment report, and recommendations for further investigations;
4. Build capacity of counterpart geologists in latest techniques in geochemical/geological survey; and
5. Provide technical advice to the Geological Survey Department and build its capacity to evaluate reports, plans and manage geodata.

The consultant will twin with the Geological Survey Department of the Ministry of Mines and Political Affairs to achieve the objectives. Close cooperation and consultation with relevant Government agencies will be necessary.

### **3. SELECTION PROCESS**

The Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs through its Project Support Unit (PSU) now invites eligible geological consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned technical assistance by providing information as proof of qualification: i) the specific qualifications and specialist skills for the activity including but not limited to field sampling, laboratory analysis and mapping; ii) recent relevant experience (last 15 years); iii) the experience of rendering consulting services to sub-Saharan countries with conditions similar to those prevailing in Sierra Leone

The consulting firms will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (May 2004; revised October 2006).

Interested firms may obtain further information at the address indicated below during office hours between **0900 to 1700 hours (GMT)** Monday to Friday before the deadline date for submission of the Expression of Interest.

### **4. SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Expression of interest must be submitted to the address below or forwarded using the E-mail address as shown below at the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Political Affairs, 5th Floor - West Wing, Youyi Building, in Freetown:

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***The deadline for submission of Expression of Interest is 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2010 at 1600 (GMT).***