



**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(Consultant Services)
WEST AFRICA REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (WARCIP)
CREDIT No: 4856 SL**

Revision of Law, Regulatory Instruments

The Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) as part of the West Africa Regional Communications Infrastructure Program (WARCIP – Sierra Leone), and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for consultant's services for the Revision of the Telecommunications Act 2006 and Related Regulatory Instruments.

The services include but not limited to the following:

1. Provide assistance to the National Telecommunications Commission (NATCOM) in a Holistic Review of the Telecommunications Act 2006 (amended in 2009) and all proposed (draft) legislations together with existing regulations of NATCOM with a view to revision of the Act. The draft legislation should embrace fair competition, transparency, improved access and protection of consumer interests and should be conducive to private sector investment. It should be in conformity with international best practice in these areas and incorporate sufficient flexibility for easy adaptation to changes in technology.
2. Review the ECOWAS Supplementary Act and evaluate the current status of the GoSL and NATCOM with regards to conformity with and implementation of the treaties and agreements in this Act.
3. Review, develop and incorporate in the revised legislation, issues on operating procedures of the Commission, universal access, license for telecommunication services and equipment and network facilities, competition practices, access and interconnection, spectrum management, etc.

The assignment is expected to be completed within six (6) months from the date of contract signature

The Ministry of Information and Communications, acting on behalf of the GoSL now invites eligible consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, general qualifications and number of key staff, etc). Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant 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 and May 2010.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 9:00 -17:00 hrs GMT.

The **deadline** for submission of Expressions of Interest is 17th January, 2012

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