## VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

## DREDGING AND AQUATIC WEED HARVESTING IN THE LOWER VOLTA

The Volta River Authority (VRA) intends to outsource the contract for the provision of dredging and aquatic weed control services in the Lower Volta spanning the entire stretch of the river Volta from the estuary at Ada to Akuse.

The VRA now invites eligible service providers, companies or organizations to indicate their interest in providing the afore-stated services.

Interested service providers, companies or organizations must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate equipment, machinery, other logistics, appropriate human resources and skills among staff that would be required to accomplish the project successfully, etc.).

The Expression of Interest must include a technical proposal of how the dredging and aquatic weed control services shall be executed.

The proposal must also provide for measures to combat the environmental menace created by the silting and weed infestation of the Lower Volta River.

The Expression of Interest must cover a period of ten (10) years commencing from 2014 as the base year.

The Expression of Interest should therefore contain financial resources including capital costs, operation and maintenance cost for accomplishing the work over the ten (10) year period.

The Expression of Interest must include a framework for a suitable arrangement with the proponent, local communities and the VRA for the purpose of fulfilling the objective of dredging and aquatic weed harvesting in the Lower Volta. The framework must be exclusive to the designated area and must not be extended to any other part of the Volta Basin.

Interested parties must indicate how the sand and weed harvested can be commercialized as a profitable venture.

Service providers, companies or organizations may associate to enhance their qualifications.

The Expression of Interest must also provide a Local Content Plan and Community Social Responsibility in the area.

A service provider, company or organization will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) of the Republic of Ghana.

Interested service providers, companies or organizations may obtain further information at the Office of the Deputy Chief Executive (Services), Electro-Volta House, 28<sup>th</sup> February Road, Accra from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each working day till the closing date for receiving proposals.

Expression of Interest must be sealed and clearly marked "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – DREDGING AND AQUATIC WEED HARVESTING IN THE LOWER VOLTA" and delivered to the address below by 12:00 noon, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014:

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY ELECTRO-VOLTA HOUSE 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY ROAD ACCRA

