

VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY

EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

DREDGING AND AQUATIC WEEDS HARVESTING IN THE LOWER VOLTA

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

A. The VRA now invites eligible service providers, companies or organisations to indicate their interest in providing the following services:

1. Dredging of Sand from the river channel and shorelines to deepen the original river channel and prevent the proliferation of both submerged and floating aquatic weeds;
2. Harvesting of Aquatic Weeds and Converting harvested weeds into commercially useable forms (eg organic fertiliser, animal feed, gas for domestic use or power generation).

B. Interested service providers, companies or organisations must provide the following mandatory requirements and other additional information listed below:

Mandatory Requirements:

1. Name of company and ownership
2. Nature of core business
3. Statement of capability
4. Volume and capacity of operations
5. Client references (include major services provided with details such as name of client, nature of work, fees etc.)
6. Cost of providing the dredging and weeds harvesting service (Capital, Operations and Maintenance costs with breakdowns where possible)
7. Validity of the unit cost (number of months)
8. Valid business registration certificate **
9. Valid tax clearance certificate **
10. Valid SSNIT Clearance Certificate **
11. Valid Labour Certificate **

**** For non-Ghanaian companies, equivalent documents from their respective countries are acceptable.**

C. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. The Expression of Interest (EOI) must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, availability of appropriate equipment, machinery, other logistics, and appropriate human resources and skills that would be required to accomplish the project successfully)

2. The EOI should indicate proof of Company/Organisation's ability to carry out the necessary pre-project studies to determine the economic value of the sand to be dredged and weed to be harvested.

3. The EOI must include a summarized technical proposal indicating the methodology to be employed in executing the dredging and weed harvesting services.

4. The EOI must cover a period of ten (10) years implementation commencing from 2016 as the base year.

5. The EOI should contain a summary of the financial resources (the capital cost of machinery, freight charges, operational and maintenance costs) required to accomplish the work over the ten (10) year period.

6. Interested service providers must indicate how the dredged sand and harvested weeds can be commercialized as a profitable venture.

7. The Expression of Interest must provide a Local Content Plan indicating job creation opportunities for residents in their area of operation.

8. The Expression of Interest must provide a Community Social Responsibility Plan indicating the development programmes and projects to be implemented for the benefit of the communities in their area of operation.

D. NOTES:

1. Service providers, companies or organisations may associate to enhance their qualification to undertake the project
2. A service provider, company or organisation will be selected in accordance with the procedures as set out in the Public Procurement Act, 2003 (Act 663) of the Republic of Ghana.

3. Only shortlisted companies will be invited for the second stage of the procurement process (Request for Proposal) leading to a final selection of the successful Company/Organisation.

4. Interested service provider, company or organisations may obtain further information at office of the Director, Environment & Sustainable Development Department, Town Management Building, Akosombo from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm each working day till the closing date for receiving proposals, as stated below.

5. Expression of Interest must be signed, sealed, and clearly marked "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – DREDGING AND AQUATIC WEEDS HARVESTING IN THE LOWER VOLTA". The proposal must be addressed to the address below:

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
VOLTA RIVER AUTHORITY
ELECTRO-VOLTA HOUSE
28TH FEBRUARY ROAD
ACCRA**

And delivered to:

**VRA Head Office,
Reception, Ground Floor
Electro-Volta House, Ministries
by 12.00 noon on Wednesday September 30, 2015.**

6. Interested companies/vendors and consulting firms may obtain further information from the address above and on:

Tel No: 0302 664 941-9 or 0302 221 124

7. **Late Expressions of Interest shall not be accepted.**

