



DESERT-TO-POWER INITIATIVE WEST AFRICA REGIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM – PHASE I

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

1. The ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) and West African Power Pool (WAPP) have received a grant in the sum of **UA4.18 Million** (approx. **USD 6 million**) from the **African Development Bank** (AfDB) to finance the **Desert to Power West Africa Regional Energy Program (WAREP) Phase I**. The program's overall objective is to accelerate regional-scale development of solar power generation, transmission and decentralized solar power projects by investing in studies to facilitate regional integration of electricity networks across the Sahel countries by supporting grid interconnectivity to integrate more renewable energy generation capacity.
2. The project is structured to be implemented by three main components as follows:

Component 1: Pre-feasibility studies for the Sahel Backbone and regional solar parks: The proposed Sahel Backbone is double high voltage transmission line project to deploy large-scale green electricity generation from regional solar parks, provide energy access to underserved communities and strengthen the interconnected network of the Sahelian countries. There are 3 sub-components: (a) Mali-Burkina Faso-Niger transmission route; (b) Mauritania transmission route and (c) Chad route. Component 1 will be implemented by the West African Power Pool (WAPP).

Component 2: Preparation Activities for the ECREEE Regional Mini Grid Program (ERMGP) and capacity building: This component aims to develop a regional mini-grid program offering economies of scale and clear and harmonized regulation, thus de-risking projects and attracting competitive operators and lenders. The component is structured under two sub-components notably preparation of ERMGP mini grids and electrification of health centers and capacity building and certification program. This component will be implemented by the Ecowas Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE).

Component 3. Project Management

This entails the management of the day-to-day operations of the project and its general co-ordination, this component will be implemented by both WAPP and ECREEE.

3. Procurement of goods and the acquisition of consultancy services financed under the project, will be carried out in accordance with the "Procurement Policy and Methodology for the African Development Bank Group Funded Operations" (BPM), dated October 2015. Procurement Notices and Bidding Documents are expected to be available with effect from November 2021.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information by contacting ECREEE and or WAPP according to the interested component of the project, the project execution agencies can be contacted via the communication information below.

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