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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Recruitment of a Consulting Firm to conduct the feasibility study for the 2nd phase of the Project to Support the Socio-Economic Reintegration of Vulnerable Groups in the Lake Chad Basin (PARSEBALT) in Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Niger, Nigeria, and Chad.

Date of the launching of the CEI: 27 September 2024

- 1.** The Lake Chad Basin has a rich biodiversity that enables communities to develop productive activities based on fishing, agriculture, and livestock farming. Lake Chad and its ecosystems are of immense strategic interest to the entire region. However, it is a fragile and vulnerable ecosystem exposed to hydrological variability, which could be amplified by climate change and rapid demographic growth. It is also an area in crisis since the emergence of the Boko Haram sect in 2009, with atrocious atrocities that have caused thousands of deaths in ten years, as well as millions of displaced persons and refugees. As a result, millions of people are food insecure, and many children suffer from severe malnutrition.
- 2.** Member countries of the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) received funding from the African Development Bank Group for the Project to Support the Socio-Economic Reintegration of Vulnerable Groups in the Lake Chad Basin (PARSEBALT). This funding was retroceded to LCBC, which conducted the first phase of the project. In order to consolidate the results obtained from the implementation of this phase, the Commission is considering the preparation of a second phase of the project (PARSEBALT II). It is in this context that the Commission wishes to recruit a consulting firm **to conduct the feasibility study for the 2nd phase of the Project to Support the Socio-Economic Reintegration of Vulnerable Groups in the Lake Chad Basin (PARSEBALT) in Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Niger, Nigeria, and Chad.**
- 3.** The services provided under this contract are as follows: (i) Take stock of existing basic social facilities and infrastructure in the project area in terms of health, education and water, (ii) Identify the additional infrastructure and equipment needs of the population in these areas to be taken into account in the second phase, (iii) Take stock of training needs in the production, processing and development of the value chain for agro-silvo-pastoral products, (iv) Strengthen the resilience of the population in the face of vulnerability and the effects of climate change, (v) Identify regional integration measures to strengthen LCBC, taking into account all past and current initiatives and ensuring all synergies, (vi) Capitalise on the outcomes of the first phase of PARSEBALT to draw lessons and identify areas for improvement in the second phase, (vii) Propose a financing tool for micro-projects, adapted to the socio-economic realities of the project's intervention zone, geared towards young people and women, (viii) Carry out technical and architectural studies of the infrastructure to be constructed, (ix) Carry out environmental and social impact studies, (x) Define the involvement of gender in the development of the project.

4. The duration of the contract is four (4) calendar months.
5. LCBC invites specialised consulting firms to submit their tenders to provide the services described above. Consulting firms interested in this call for expression of interest must submit an expression of interest containing the following information:
 - A presentation of the consulting firm (area of expertise and resources....),
 - Relevant references concerning the execution of similar contracts, with the following compulsory information: description of the assignments, period of execution, certificates of services rendered issued by the client,
 - The list of skills and responsibilities of key personnel, accompanied by a copy (or copies) of the certificate(s) and CVs, dated, and signed.
6. LCBC will draw up a shortlist of shortlisted consulting firms based on the files received, to which it will send the Request for Proposals for the performance of the required Services.
7. The eligibility criteria, shortlist and selection procedure will be under the Administrative, Financial and Accounting Procedures Manual of LCBC.
8. Interested consultancy firms may consult the Terms of Reference by e-mail at the address below during the following office hours: The Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC), located at Rondpoint de la Grande Armée, P.O. Box 727 - N'Djamena, Republic of Chad: Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., local time, or on the LCBC website: <http://www.cbilt.org>.
9. Files should be sent by **e-mail** to the following address: parsebalt@cbilt.org, cab@cbilt.org, cbilt.lcbc@gmail.com, no later than **16/10/2024** at 2 p.m. And labelled "***Call for Expression of Interest for the Recruitment of a Consulting Firm to conduct the feasibility study for the 2nd phase of the Project to Support the Socio-Economic Reintegration of Vulnerable Groups in the Lake Chad Basin (PARSEBALT II)***".

N'Djamena, 26/9/2024

Executive Secretary

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