KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY

Eswatini Electricity Company

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR THE REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE SHORT-TERM GENERATION EXPANSION PLAN - 2034

FOR THE ACCELERATING SUSTAINABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY ACCESS TRANSFORMATION IN ESWATINI (ASCENT) PROJECT

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i. The Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini (GoKE) has received financing from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the International Development Agency (IDA) and grant funding from the Global Public Good (GPG) Facility, which are all under the World Bank. The received financing is for the purposes of implementing the Accelerating Sustainable and Clean Energy Access Transformation in Eswatini (ASCENT Eswatini) Project (P508960) (the Project), with the involvement of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy, as set out in the Loan Agreement, Financing Agreement, Grant Agreement and Project Agreements.

ii. The EEC now invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from interested and eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to provide consulting services for the Review of the 2034 Short-Term Generation Expansion Plan.

iii. The Consultant shall undertake, but not necessarily be limited to the following tasks:

a. ***Review and update the Short-Term Generation Expansion plan -2034***
b. ***Assessment of baseload options***
c. ***Assessment of network hosting capacity***
d. ***Desktop study on potential export market for power generated in Eswatini***
e. ***Recommendation of a Least Cost Generation Expansion Plan***

iv. Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform all the services. The following documents

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shall also be submitted along with the EOI applications by all the consulting firms including each member of JV firms:

- Copies of certificates of incorporation/registration of the consulting firms
- Valid Tax Registration and Clearence Certificates
- Annual financial records of the firm for the last 5 years
- Corporate profile of the firm with quality assurance plan, e.g. ISO 9001, information on organizational strength (Organization structure, number of permanent professional staffs and their expertise, qualifications and number of total staff), evidence of availability of licensed power system analysis software, including but not limited to: PSS®E, DIgSILENT Power Factory, ETAP, PSCAD or equivalent software required for execution of the assignment.

v. The qualifications and shortlisting criteria are:

- At least ten (10) years' experience in energy-sector planning, power-system studies, electricity-generation planning, energy economics or related advisory services.
- At least two (2) relevant assignments in electricity-demand forecasting, least-cost generation expansion planning, energy modelling, power-system or grid-integration studies, generation-technology assessment, energy economics
- Demonstrated experience of at least two (2) relevant assignment in electricity-generation planning.
- Proven experience of at least one (1) relevant assignment in generation expansion planning in Africa.
- Proven Experience with utility transmission networks.

vi. The purpose of this REOI is to establish a shortlist of not more than eight (8) Prequalified Respondents for the subsequent Request for Proposal and to invite technical and financial proposals from these Respondents. All responses shall be assessed for completeness. The following shall be assessed on a Yes/No basis to determine a PASS or FAIL result; ten (10) years' experience in energy-sector planning, power-system studies, electricity-generation planning, energy economics or related advisory services; two (2) relevant assignments in electricity-demand forecasting, least-cost generation expansion planning, energy modelling, power-system or grid-integration studies, generation-technology assessment, energy economics; demonstrated experience of at least one (1) relevant assignment in electricity-generation planning in Africa.

Respondents who have attained a PASS result shall be shortlisted and ranked based on the following weighted aspect:

- General corporate experience; [15]
- Specific experience in generation expansion planning and integration studies; [35]
- Power system planning studies experience; [15]
- Generation technology assessment and deployment experience; [15]
- Experience working with electricity utilities; [10]

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- Regional (African) experience. [10]

vii. In order to substantiate the aforementioned consulting jobs/contracts, the Consultant shall submit the Completion Certificates or End User Certificate from clients depicting description of services provided. All Completion Certificate or End User Certificates should be in English; Completion Certificates/ End User Certificates in other languages should be translated and notarized. Incomplete Consulting Contracts will not be taken into account and hence will not be evaluated.

viii. Consultants may associate with other consultants to enhance their qualifications. For a JV/consortium, the qualifications and experience of the members may be combined to meet the qualification requirements. The Lead Partner shall demonstrate substantial relevant experience and shall be responsible for contract performance. Consortium members may combine qualifications and experience to meet the overall qualification requirements.

ix. All submittal from the consulting firms shall be in English language.

x. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.15 to 3.16 of the Seventh edition of the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated September 2025, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

xi. The Consultant(s) shall be evaluated and shortlisted based on the qualifications, experience and capability. **Qualifications and Experience of key personnel will not be evaluated at this stage.** Shortlisted Consultants will subsequently be invited to submit Technical and Financial Proposals and Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based (QCBS) selection method as per the Seventh edition of Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers dated September 2025.

Interested eligible consultants may obtain further information by sending an email to the address below or visiting during office hours from **10.00 to 16.00 hrs**. The Terms of Reference for the proposed consulting services can be accessed at the link below:

https://www.eec.co.sz/electricity/projects/ascent/

xii. Expression of interest must be delivered in a written form by e-mail to the address below no later than **11h00 SAST on 20 November 2026.**

The Procurement Manager
ASCENT Eswatini Project
Eswatini Electricity Company
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The procedures for making a Procurement-related Complaint are detailed in the "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (Annex III)." If an Applicant wishes to make a Procurement-related Complaint, the Applicant shall submit its complaint following these procedures, in writing (by the quickest means available, that is either by email or fax), to:

For the attention: *Mr Mphumuzi Maziya*

Title/position: *Managing Director*

Employer: *Eswatini Electricity Company*

Email address: *mphumuzi.maziya@eec.co.sz*

In summary, at this stage, a Procurement-related Complaint may challenge any of the following:

1. the terms of the Prequalification Documents; and
2. the Employer's decision not to prequalify an Applicant.

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