**THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA**

**NATIONAL WATER & SEWERAGE CORPORATION**

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**WATER MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**LOAN NO.: P123204**

**REFERENCE NO: NWSC –HQRS/SRVCS/13-14/158793**

**Assignment Title: Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for Gulu and Mbale Water Supply and Sanitation project**

The Government of Uganda (GoU) has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the **Gulu & Mbale Water Supply and Sanitation Projects**, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consultancy services for Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)and Resettlement Action Plan (RAP)

The consultancy services (“the services”) include carrying out an ESIAand RAPfor the proposed water and sanitation infrastructure improvement for Gulu and Mbale towns and their peripheral settlements. The proposed works for which an ESIA and RAP will be done include;

1. Rehabilitation and expansion of existing raw water source, treatment, transmission and distribution systems.
2. Rehabilitation of existing waste water settling ponds and conveyance systems for the central areas of Gulu and Mbale and extension of services to unsewered densely populated areas of the municipalities
3. Provision of water supply and sanitation services to small towns and rural growth centres neighbouring Mbale municipality
4. Provision of water supply and sanitary services in informal settlements.

The successful consultantwill establish the project’s potential environmental and social impacts, assess the impacts of alternatives and recommend to NWSC, the design consultant, and other stakeholders,measures to satisfactorily mitigate the impacts.

The project implementation period is 4 months and commencement is planned for August 2014.

National Water and Sewerage Corporation (NWSC) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services.

Interested consultants must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services as may be demonstrated by description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, and availability of appropriate skills among staff and proof of legal status.

The shortlisting criteria will be:

1. Experience in at least 5 similar assignments in Environment and Social Impact Assessments and at least 3 similar assignments in preparing Resettlement Action Plans,
2. Experience in similar conditions,
3. Presence of appropriate skills among staff in the areas of environmental assessment, hydrology, sociology, surveying and property valuation.

The attention of interested consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines:[Selection and Employment of Consultants (under IBRD loans and IDA Credits & Grants) by World Bank Borrowers](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTPROCUREMENT/Resources/Consultant_GLs_Final_Jan_2011.pdf), January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The form of association, where applicable, should be indicated in the expression of interest.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants Qualifications Selection (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (Monday to Friday, 08:30 – 17:00 hours, except on public holidays).

Expressions of Interest (One original and two copies) plus a full electronic copy on CD (or electronic copy via email) must be delivered in a written form to the address below not later than 11:00 AM local time 15th April 2014. The packages must be clearly marked with a title and contract number of the assignment, for example, **Environmental and Social Impact Assessment for Gulu and Mbale Water Supply and Sanitation project*”* Contract No. NWSC –HQRS/SRVCS/13-14/158793**

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