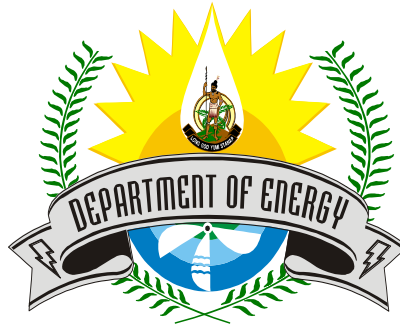


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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES TO UNDERTAKE THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE VANUATU
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT (VREP) PHASE I**

1. The Department of Energy (DoE) of Vanuatu's Ministry of Climate Change and Adaptation is seeking Expression of Interest from a consultant to undertake the mid-term review of the Vanuatu Rural Electrification Project (VREP) Phase I. The VREP Phase I is a Project managed the DoE with oversight support form the Word Bank.
2. The VREP Phase I commenced in 2014 and is expected to complete on 31st December 2019. The objective is VREP Phase I is to scale up access to electricity services for rural households, aid posts and community halls located in dispersed off-grid areas. The project provides subsidies for plug and play solar systems and supports the DoE with technical assistance, project management and supervision, and independent verification of outputs, including the development of a vendor registration processes, product catalogue, project awareness and compliance to the Environmental Code of Practice for used batteries.
3. The mid-term review is needed as part of ongoing efforts to improve the management, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of the Project. In addition, the mid-term review is needed to assist the DoE with design for Phase II of the VREP which is expected to commence implementation later this year.
4. The timeline for the mid-term review is **a total of twenty-five (25) days over the months of April to 15 June 2017.**
5. The consultants shall have the following qualifications:
 - Not less than a Bachelors' degree engineering or equivalent in a relevant field.
 - Minimum of 5 years' experience in project design & implementation with major in Pacific Region.
 - Basic understanding of solar PV equipment and applications.

- Knowledge and extensive interface experience with Pacific Island energy sector stakeholders, financing institutions and with micro finance products would be preferred.
- Experience in projects to promote growth of private sector would be preferred.
- Experience in World Bank or other major donor project reviews strongly preferred.
- Knowledge of Pacific Islands and of the Vanuatu Rural Electrification and Sustainable Energy Financing Project would be preferred.
- Essential requisites include the ability to:
 - a. make meaningful, rapid and independent assessments through hearing stakeholder views and through astute observation
 - b. prepare succinct and clear reports; and
 - c. communicate findings effectively to both donor and government representatives.

The DoE of the Government of Vanuatu now invites eligible Consultants to submit their Expression of Interest to provide the Services in the ToR. Interested Consultants express their interest through a letter to the Director, Department of Energy and provide their CV and information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) can be obtained from the Department of Energy on 25201 or by email on iveremaito@vanuatu.gov.vu Both Male and Female candidates are encouraged to submit their Expression of Interest.

Applications should be made in writing and directed to the Director, Department of Energy, PMB 9067, Port Vila, VANUATU not later than **Friday 7th April 2017**.