

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR
SELECTION AS THE INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION CONTRACTOR**

FOR THE

**SLUM ELECTRIFICATION AND LOSS REDUCTION PROGRAMME (SELR)
IN MUMBAI**

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION CONTRACTOR

– By Reliance Infrastructure Limited (RInfra), International Copper Promotion Council of India (ICPCI) & the US Agency for International Development (USAID)

Slum Electrification and Loss Reduction (SELR)/Mumbai Improved Electricity Access to Indian Slum Dwellers Project

Under a grant from the Global Partnership for Output Based Aid (GPOBA) trust fund (managed by the World Bank), Reliance Infrastructure Limited (RInfra), India (in association with the International Copper Promotion Council of India and the US Agency for International Development), plans to hire a firm to act as Independent Verification Contractor (IVC) for the above project in Mumbai.

Objective

The objective of the SELR project is to develop, test, evaluate and scale up customized approaches to improve electricity access, normalize services and improve quality of life and economic opportunity in slum areas to allow future wider scale implementation. Specifically, it will improve access to safe and adequate electricity supply in the selected slums.

Overall SELR project scope

The overall scope of the Project covers slum clusters of Shivajinagar located in Eastern suburbs of Mumbai and some other slum areas (to be identified) in the Reliance Energy service area in Mumbai. The targeted number of slum dwelling units in these clusters is around 26,250. The Project will:

- Provide legal and safe electricity connections for about 21,250 slum dwelling units (DUs) that do not currently have electricity connections or have illegal connections
- Provide upgraded and safe internal wiring for about 5,000 slum dwelling units (DUs) that currently have legal connections.
- Upgrade the utility network and substations, install of meters, and meter boxes.
- Document program outputs and results as well as economic and social impact data (safety, efficiency, productive uses)
- Develop guidelines for implementation of future slum electrification programs in other parts of India and elsewhere

IVC requirements

The IVC shall carryout the verification as specified under the Operations Manual and GPOBA Grant Agreement for this project. This verification work forms a central feature of the Output based aid¹ project design – and certification provided by the IVC will lead to payments under this project. RInfra invites qualified firms/consortia having experience in verifying, certifying and reporting the quality of technical work to express their interest to undertake activities of IVC such as:

- checking credentials of Licensed Electricity Contractors (LECs),
- verifying the connection work carried out on site
- conduct follow-up inspections

¹ Output-based aid (OBA) is an innovative approach to increasing access to basic services for the poor. OBA is used in cases where poor people require subsidy supports to access basic services. Such supports are designed to operate in a sustainable manner whilst creating incentives for efficient delivery of services prior to payment. OBA is also known as “performance-based aid”.

- verifying the working connection provided by RInfra and
- issuing reports and certifying reports under this project to allow project payments to be made.

Eligibility Criteria

The role of IVC will be filled by an independent firm able to credibly issue certifications leading to disbursements of payments. It is expected that the firm will be a well considered independent technical entity or an audit or business services firm in consortium with a technical entity. As a firm or consortium, it will have capabilities to conduct independent assessment of wiring jobs carried out by licensed electrical contractors (LECs) under this project. It would use these independent verifications to develop and certify reports on a quarterly basis.

The prospective firm/consortium should have the following qualifications to be eligible to offer IVC services:

- a) minimum 5 years of existence in business in India
- b) present in Mumbai, India with established office and adequate resources to carry out the job successfully
- c) have references of relevant works performed by them earlier
- d) be ready to open up at least one site office at each project site and should be operational until the project execution is complete at that particular site

Contractual information

The firm will need to be available from October 2009 until the project closing date of 31st December 2011. The performance of the agency will be reviewed during the project and contracts will be extended/reduced accordingly.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) requirements

The interested agencies may visit the project site before submitting their Eoi. An interaction meeting with the interested agencies will be held on September 14, 2009 at 1500 hrs at Reliance Energy Center for answering various queries of the interested agencies.

Submissions of Eoi should include relevant expertise and experience of firm/consortium firms. It should include information on the firm/consortium's current presence in Mumbai. Information should also include names and summary bios (limited to 1 paragraph) of proposed team members together with their specific relevant experience that covers their expertise. It is particularly important that the firm/consortium demonstrates that it has independent credibility that will allow it to certify documents that can be used as a basis for disbursement of funds.

On the basis of the Eoi received, RInfra will short-list suitable agencies who will be called upon to submit a technical & a financial bid through an RFP document. Firm/consortium will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's: "Guidelines: Selection and employment of consultants by World Bank borrowers, May 2004".

Expression of Interest and/or further clarifications should be addressed to – Mr. Ram Kartha, SELR Project Manager, Reliance Infrastructure Limited, Reliance Energy Center, Santa Cruz (E), Mumbai, India – 400055, Fax: 022-30099720, Email: ram.kartha@relianceada.com, **on or before 1700 hrs of September 22, 2009.**

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