



ASSAM ELECTRICITY GRID CORPORATION LIMITED

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ENGAGEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARD

A. Project Background

The Government of India has applied for a loan from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to help finance the cost of the Assam Intra-State Transmission System Enhancement Project (the Project).

The Investment Program will:

1. Strengthen power transmission capacity to deliver reliable and affordable electricity
2. Improve access to electricity through grid electricity
3. Enhance efficiency and quality of power supply.
4. Ensure financial health of the power sector through continued power sector reform

The Project is expected to promote a sustainable state electricity sector with increased transmission capacity to support inclusive and low carbon economic growth. The outcome of the investment program is enhanced quality and expanded service delivery of clean electricity in Assam through improved technical, commercial and financial performance and capability of the Assam Energy Grid Corporation Ltd (AEGCL).

A full-time Project Director is established with responsibility for the day-to-day coordination and administration of the sub- projects

As AEGCL is entrusted with the overall responsibility for the execution of the Investment Program and subprojects, it will also function as the Implementing Agency (IA) responsible for the day-to-day project implementation of the subprojects.

On light of this, AEGCL intends to engage an Individual Consultant on contractual basis **for the period of One year** to strengthen the Project Management Unit (PMU) in order to coordinate with the funding agency Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in respect of the adherence of the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, ESIA, ESMP, Resettlement Action Plan etc. in line with the policy of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The tenure of service may be extended further subject to the satisfactory performance of the candidate. More information about the project may be accessed from AEGCL's official website www.aegcl.co.in.

B. Qualifications/Experience/Expertise

1. The Expert shall have a Master's degree in Environmental Science / Environmental Management/ Social science / Social Welfare / Social Management or similar field with minimum 10 years of total experience and minimum of 5 years' experience overseeing Energy Infrastructure projects preferably transmission project of voltage level 132KV and above in relevant field. He/she must have experience of working at least in two EAP funded projects the duration of which shall be at least one year for each project.



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2. Experience in implementing and monitoring Gender policy, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and to prepare ESMPF, ESMP, Resettlement Action Plan, establishment of Grievance Redressal Mechanism(GRM) and addressing the grievances, Preparation of Indigenous People Planning Framework (IPPF), Stakeholder and Public Consultation etc in line with the policy and frame work of International Funding Institutions.
3. Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English language are must;
4. Excellent ability to initiate collaboration across divisions and work effectively and constructively with people from diverse cultural and professional backgrounds.
5. Experience in stakeholder engagement and working on inter-institutional programs.

C. Scope of work and responsibilities of the specialist shall be as per the following but not limited to:

1. To advise AEGCL in mitigating environment, social, resettlement issue as per the approved Resettlement Rehabilitation Plan and prevailing norms of the Govt. of Assam, Govt. of India and the funding agency Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).
2. Review the ESMPF report prepared for the project to understand the background, environmental issues, proposed project activities, mitigation and monitoring requirements of the project.
3. Monitor and Review the Prepare the necessary environmental documents for each sub-project and take necessary procedures in accordance with the ESMPF, including but not limited to, preparing the ESIA's, and/or ESMP's in accordance with AIIB's E&S Policy (ESP) wherever required prior to contractors' mobilization.
4. Monitoring and implementation of Grievance Redressal Mechanism(GRM) and addressing the grievances in line with the policy and frame work of AIIB.
5. To review and monitor the progress of works which is entrusted to Environmental and Social Consultant (M/s PWC) by AEGCL for preparation of Environmental & Social Management Planning Framework for the project Assam Intra State Transmission Enhancement Project and provide inputs and submit status to the funding agency Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank(AIIB).
6. To review the Social impact, mitigation measures for the project as outlined by the funding agency Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank(AIIB).
7. Review the potential social issues relating to the project in terms of nature, magnitude extent, location, timing, etc.
8. To identify social impact/gender, health and safety and feedback of impact from stakeholders viewpoint during the public consultation and time to time liasaning with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).



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9. To review the mitigation measures for their appropriateness in mitigating adverse social impact.
10. To draw up social monitoring plan to ensure the adequacy and effectiveness of the proposed management plan by clearly identifying the roles and responsibilities of various concerned authorities and committees.
11. To act in close association will all concerned GOVT machineries, District Councils, Concerned Rehabilitation and Re-settlement Committees, Project effected people and all other agencies his scope of works demands.
12. All other activities that to be executed as Social and Environmental Officer for the Project Management Unit (PMU) of AEGCL.

Sd/-

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