

GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTING
SERVICES FOR VALUE ENGINEERING – CRITICAL
INFRASTRUCTURE**

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Letter/Notice Soliciting Expressions of Interest

1. The Ministry of natural Resources (MNR) (hereinafter referred to as the “the Employer”) invites individual consultants to express interest in providing the services referred to in this paragraph. If you wish to express your interest, please submit curriculum vitae (CV) to provide consulting services for Value Engineering – Critical Infrastructure.
2. If you are selected as a consultant, you should provide assistance to the Employer, the Consulting services as Purchaser, the Ministry of Natural Resources (hereinafter referred to as the Client) in VALUE ENGINEERING – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. (See detailed description of consultative services in the attached Terms of Reference).
3. Description of experience and qualifications should comply with the requirements listed in the Terms of Reference. The evaluation of the curriculum vitae will be carried out taking into account qualifications and experience of candidates in accordance with the following criteria: `
4. **Evaluation Criteria**

	WEIGHT OF SCORES
a) Practical experience, including specific experience directly related to assignment	Max 75
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15 years of Oil & Gas project experience in Value Engineering and/or Supply Chain, for Operator or large Contractor; ▪ Demonstrable experience in cost avoidance and cost savings; ▪ Demonstrated understanding of the market and Operator insights and trends; ▪ Demonstrable ability to influence peers and manage multiple stakeholders at mixed levels; ▪ Proven ability to analyse and develop accurate conclusions based on key data; ▪ Evidence of excellent communication, presentation and report writing skills; ▪ Evidence of a collaborative and proactive approach to problem-solving; ▪ Proficient in MS Office. 	
b) Relevant qualifications	Max 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Master’s Degree (or equivalent) in Contract Law or Procurement. ▪ Membership of Chartered Institute of Procurement and 	

Supply or alternative	
Total possible experience and qualification score:	100

5. After evaluation of the curriculum vitae of individual consultants, the maximum scored candidate will be sent a Notification of results of selection and will be required to provide a financial proposal for services rendering according to the Terms of Reference, and will be invited to hold negotiations and sign the contract. Contract negotiations may be carried on by fax, telephone or email. In case of delay, the Client has a right to withdraw the Letter of Invitation, and in case of a failure to reach an agreement under the Contract, negotiations with the individual consultant will be terminated, and new negotiations will be held with the next highest scored candidate.
6. You should start to perform the assignment on June 1st 2021. The Client will take any required measures for the selection of consultant during that period.
7. According to the evaluation to perform the assignment, the services are required for a period of nine (9) Months.
8. Please, consider that the expenses on preparation of a curriculum vitae and negotiation under the contract shall not be reimbursed as direct expenditures on the assignment.
9. The following documents are attached to this Letter of Invitation and may be obtained from the procuring entity.
 - I. Sample Form of Curriculum Vitae.
 - II. Terms of Reference.
10. For further information on the assignment and local conditions, please, contact Mr. Joslyn McKenzie, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources at the following address, telephone number, and e-mail:
96, Duke Street, Kingston, Georgetown, Guyana. Tel: (592) 231-2506-11; E-mail: ministry@nre.gov.gy
11. Please, send Curriculum vitae by fax, email, or at the above address by 3:30pm on May 21, 2021.
12. The Client is not legally bound to accept any curriculum vitae submitted to him.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Joslyn McKenzie
Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Natural Resources
96, Duke Street, Kingston,
Georgetown, Guyana

Annex No.1

Sample Form of Curriculum Vitae

Name of Assignment:	
Full name of Consultant:	
Profession:	
Date of Birth:	
Nationality:	
Detailed description of tasks assigned:	

Major qualifications:

(List experience and education of the consultant directly related to the tasks assigned. Publications in the area of assignment, experience in the required area, career development according to the assignment requirements, the required foreign experience, knowledge of local features, experience within the country of Client and region. Describe obligations entrusted the employee regarding previous assignments, specifying the dates and locations. Provide information on _____ pages.)

Education:

[Indicate higher (university/institute) and specialized education received by the employee, giving names of institutions, dates of attendance and degrees obtained. Information is to be presented on _____ pages].

Previously occupied positions:

Starting from the current position, list in reverse chronometric order all previously occupied positions. List every employment held by the consultant since graduation, giving the dates, names of organizations, positions and locations of execution. When indicating experience acquired for the last ten years, indicate also the type of activities performed, names of clients who are able to provide references. Information is to be provided on _____ pages

Languages:

When listing languages, indicate the level of mastership: fluently, good, satisfactorily, or poor - speaking, reading, and writing

Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge, the above information about me is true and it correctly reflects my experience and qualification.

_____ *Date:* _____
[Signature of consultant] *day/month/year*

Full name of consultant: _____

Full name of authorized representative: _____

TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONSULTING SERVICES FOR VALUE ENGINEERING – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

1. BACKGROUND

Guyana's petroleum sector has been advancing at a steady pace with first oil occurring in December 2019 and maximum production from its first field, Liza 1, being reached from December 2020. The world-class discoveries and the rate of petroleum development within the country, coupled with ongoing assessments of new discoveries, has catapulted Guyana's status and importance to the global Oil industry and Petroleum investors. As such, there is an exigency to ensure that the Nation's interest and potential gains from the exploitation of its non-renewable resources are protected.

Now that Guyana is an emerging petroleum producing and exporting economy, the Government of Guyana has renewed its commitment to ensuring that the development of the nation's resources will engender maximum economic benefits. This will be manifested through improved levels of national prosperity, enhanced National Programs and Social Services and generally, elevated standards of living and equitable distribution of wealth.

Guyana's petroleum sector is expanding swiftly with increased petroleum production, coupled with ongoing assessment of new discoveries, has led the Government of Guyana to focus on ramping up preparations to oversee the upstream sector (exploration, development and production); to develop policy and legislation, to build up internal capacity building, to promote governance and transparency, and to undertake financial and economic planning.

2. OBJECTIVES

The Value Engineering-Critical Infrastructure Consultant will play a lead role with influence to review and guide projects in a direction where positive outcomes will be to maximise transparency and the achievement of efficient and competitive value engineering as a standard approach. The role requires liaising with multidisciplinary teams. It presents an excellent opportunity to work closely with both Operator and Government to investigate current and existing procedures which will unlock and develop a more collaborative working approach and contribute significantly to the cost efficiency in the industry, and in so doing, build a strong external profile and network in the industry.

3. SCOPE OF WORK OF CONSULTANCY

The Value Engineering Consultant will report to Senior Petroleum Coordinator and will ensure that the project delivery is achieved from all activities in area of Critical Infrastructure. Activities will include:

- Systematic review of value (ratio of function to cost);
- Benchmarking to international standards;

- Ensure fitness-for-purpose obtained at lowest cost;
- Interface with procurement process review;
- Analyse equipment/goods data to determine trends;
- Create/develop a strategic long-term plan for development of value engineering;
- Develop an exit strategy for non-economical contracts/procurement;
- Build and drive relationships with key vendors to improve pricing and quality of services;
- Review system data ensure equipment/goods availability meets demand;
- Collaborate with and develop relationships with multi-disciplinary teams to expand successful equipment/goods categories;
- Establish long-term vision and communicate associated opportunities/risks.

4. Duration of assignment and DELIVERABLES

These activities are estimated to take place over a period of one year commencing on **June 1, 2021**.

The core deliverables for this assignment are the provision of advice and assistance to the Client as required in executing the Scope of Work. The deliverables should also include:

- Kick-off meeting;
- Regular status reports;
- Well-documented written advice and recommendations in answers to queries from the Petroleum Management Programme of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

All deliverables shall be submitted in English and electronically to the Ministry of Natural Resources for review and approval. It is expected that certain deliverables may require several drafts to incorporate comments by the Client and relevant stakeholders before they are determined to be final.

5. Implementation arrangements

- The Consultant selected for this assignment will work under the direction of the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Natural Resources, or other designated official within the Ministry, and will work closely with other government agencies involved in the oil and gas sector as required.
- The Ministry of Natural Resources will designate a Focal Point to work with the Consultant. The Focal Point will provide existing relevant documentation; and support the coordination and execution of the Consultant's tasks and activities, including arranging meetings with the Operator(s) as needed; nevertheless, the Consultant will be responsible for obtaining all the necessary public information required to perform the tasks included in this TOR.
- The consultant's work will be carried out over nine (9) months of which at least two-thirds (2/3) of those working days will be spent in Guyana. The

consultant will make an inception visit of at least 3 weeks to formulate work programs, perform initial training, and support urgent decisions facing Ministry. Subsequent visits will be for at least two weeks in duration.

- It is expected that a major part of the work will be conducted in the Consultant's office, with regular visits to The Ministry of Natural Resources. When not physically present in Guyana, the consultant will remain in close contact with the Ministry team to supervise and support natural gas negotiations as needed. The Consultant is expected to be available for audio or videoconferences when required.
- The Consultant shall make its own arrangements for carrying out its services, including accommodation, transport, health insurance, document(s) translation/reproduction.

6. Expected Experience and Required QUALIFICATIONS

To be eligible for the assignment the Consultant should exhibit:

- The Value Engineering-Critical Infrastructure Consultant shall at minimum have the following qualifications and experience:
- 15 years of Oil & Gas project experience in Value Engineering and/or Supply Chain, for Operator or large Contractor;
- Demonstrable experience in cost avoidance and cost savings;
- An understanding of the market and Operator insights and trends;
- Ability to influence peers and manage multiple stakeholders at mixed levels;
- Ability to analyse and develop accurate conclusions based on key data;
- Excellent communication, presentation and report writing skills;
- Generate suggestions for improving work and develops innovative approaches and ideas;
- Collaborative and proactive approach to problem-solving;
- Proficient in MS Office.
- Degree (or equivalent) in Contract law or Procurement.
- Membership of Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply or alternative

Interested individual consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services including their curriculum vitae, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, and clients' references.

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Consultant is required to comment on any potential, actual, or perceived conflicts of interest arising out of other assignments or a conflicting involvement in other assignments. Where the Consultant currently represents any party or potential stakeholders that would create conflict of interest or to the extent any conflict of interest would arise in the future, the Consultant shall detail any measures that may be required to avoid conflicts of interest in connection with the implementation of this assignment.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Consultant and / or its employees agree to keep confidential all information that these receive, directly or indirectly, from the Authorities, its agencies or ministries, and any other stakeholder, as well as all copies or analyses that it makes, or have been made by third parties, on the basis of such information (collectively, the Material). The Consultant will use the Material exclusively for the purpose of preparing deliverables relevant to this assignment. The confidentiality obligations will not apply to information in the public domain. The Consultant will only permit access to the Material to persons within their organizations on a need-to-know basis. The Consultant will explicitly inform such persons of the confidential nature of the Material and, prior to providing them the Material, subject them to the confidential obligations contained in these Terms of Reference.

**LUMP-SUM PRICE
CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

CONTRACT

THIS CONTRACT for CONSULTING SERVICES FOR VALUE ENGINEERING – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE is entered into this _____ [insert starting date of assignment] by and between _____ [insert Client's name] ("the Client"), having been registered at the address _____ [insert Client's address], and _____ [insert Consultant's name] ("the Consultant"), having its principal office located at _____ [insert Consultant's address].

WHEREAS, the Client wished to have the Consultant to perform the services hereinafter referred to; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant is willing to perform these services,

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES hereby agree as follows:

1. **Services** (a) The Consultant shall perform the services specified in the Terms of Reference which is the integral part of this Contract.

(b) The Consultant shall submit to the Client the reports in the form and within the time periods specified in the Terms of Reference.

2. **Term** The Consultant shall perform the Services during the period commencing _____ and continuing through _____, or any other period as may be subsequently agreed by the parties in writing.

3. **Payment** (a) Ceiling

For Services rendered pursuant to Annex No.2, the Client shall pay the Consultant an amount not to exceed _____. This amount has been established based on the understanding that it includes all of the Consultant's costs and profits as well as any tax obligation that may be imposed on the Consultant.

- (b) Schedule of Payments

The schedule of payment is specified below:

Amount	Currency	
_____	_____	upon the Client's receipt of a

copy of this Contract signed by the Consultant

_____ upon the Client's receipt of the draft report, acceptable to the Client; and

_____ upon the Client's receipt of the final report, acceptable to the Client.

_____ Total

(c) Payment Conditions

Payment shall be made in _____ [specify currency] not later than 30 days following submission by the Consultant of invoices in duplicate to the Coordinator designated in paragraph 4.

4. **Client** (a) Coordinator. The Client designates Mr./Ms _____ as Client's Coordinator; the Coordinator shall be responsible for the coordination of activities under this Contract, for acceptance and approval of the reports or of other deliverables by the Client and for receiving and approving invoices for the payment.

(b) Reports. The reports listed in the Consultant's Reporting Obligations, shall be submitted in the course of the assignment and will constitute the basis for the payments to be made under paragraph 3.

5. **Defects** The Employer will hold the Consultant liable for his/her design for a period **Liability** of no less than..... [to be determined].

The form of compensation to be determined also.

6. **Liquidated** Any delay on the part of the Consultant in completing the **Damages** assignment/service within the stipulated period will render him liable to pay liquidated damages as follows:

(a) A rate of 0.02 % per week of the bid price

(b) A maximum of 5 % of contract price

(c) Thereafter, the procuring Entity has the right to cancel the contract and demand all form of damages

7. **Mobilization** The Employer shall make advance payment to the Consultant in the **Advance** amount of 20% on the signing of the contract on the provision of a bond. Mobilization advance to be repaid as specified in the contract.
8. **Performance Bond** The Performance bond shall be 10% of the Bid Sum.
9. **Retention** For the purposes of correction of possible defects, the Employer shall retain from each payment a portion of the funds in the sum of 10 % of the contract sum is paid only at the expiration of defects liability period
10. **Penalties** A Penalty for slow performance or non-performance will be imposed in the rate prescribed for Liquidated Damages. Slow or non-performance will be assessed against the project's approved work Programme and will commence from the first quarter of the project life.
- After 10 % of the contract sum is deducted for penalties, the procuring entity has the right to cancel the contract and demand all form of damages
11. **Performance Standards** The Consultant undertakes to perform the Services with the highest standards of professional, ethical and moral competence.
12. **Confidentiality** The Consultants shall not, during the term of this Contract and within two years after its expiration, disclose any proprietary or confidential information relating to the Services, this Contract or the Client's business and operations without the prior written consent of the Client.
13. **Ownership of Material** Any studies, reports and other material, graphic, software and otherwise, prepared by the Consultant for the Client under the Contract shall belong to and remain the property of the Client. The Consultant may retain a copy of such documents and software.
14. **Consultant Not to be Engaged in Certain Activities** The Consultant agrees that, during the term of this Contract and after its termination, the Consultant and any entity affiliated with the Consultant, shall be disqualified from providing goods, works or services (other than the Services and any continuation thereof) for any project resulting from or closely related to the Services.
15. **Insurance** The Consultant will be responsible for taking out any appropriate insurance coverage.
16. **Assignment** The Consultant shall not assign this Contract or Subcontract or any portion of it without the Client's prior written consent.
17. **Law** The Contract shall be governed by the laws of Guyana, and the

**Governing
Contract and
Language**

language of all communication between the Client and the Consultant shall be English.

18. **Dispute
Resolution**

Any dispute which cannot be amicably settled between the parties, shall be referred to adjudication or arbitration in accordance with the laws of Guyana.

FOR THE CLIENT

FOR THE CONSULTANT

Signed by _____

Signed by _____

Title: _____

Title: _____