**REQUEST FOR EXPREESION OF INTEREST**

**Construction/Refurbishment and Operation of Markets across Freetown**

**August 2018**

**A. BACKGROUND**

Covered markets across Freetown are in short supply and in poor condition. Several lack water, electricity and toilets; thieves regularly steal goods due to lack of adequate storage; limited garbage and waste management facilities pose health hazards. As a result, many traders are leaving the markets to sell on the streets, further exacerbating congestion on the roads. The World Bank’s 2018 Economic Update notes that, at peak hours, ‘average traffic speeds in some central areas of the city reach just 3km per hour – slower than a walking pace’. To address these issues, Freetown City Council is seeking to refurbish a number of existing markets and construct new markets at selected sites.

**B. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF WORK**

Freetown City Council is requesting expressions of interest to support:

1. Construction of new markets / refurbishment of existing markets
2. Ongoing operation of these markets

A range of sites are being evaluated across Freetown, including Dovecot, Aberdeen, Wilberforce, King Jimmy, Peters Brook, Calaba Town and Allen Town. Each market will need to provide adequate storage, cold stores, clean water, electricity, toilets and showers, waste management, parking, and space for under 5 child care.

**C. COMMERCIAL TERMS**

Freetown City Council will provide land for these developments. Post construction/ refurbishment, involved parties will be able to generate revenues through a number of means, such as leasing space for shops/stalls and collecting market dues.

The Council is open to various forms of commercial arrangement, including build-operate-transfer concessions, fixed fees and revenue sharing. Within their expressions of interest, interested parties should include a high-level financial proposal that evaluates a range of commercial models.

**D. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE**

Experience in the construction and operation of markets in Africa is strongly preferred.

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

As part of the application process, all interested parties are required to submit:

* A technical proposal, including a conceptual design of the facility complete with tree planting and beautification (in line with Freetown City Council’s environmental objectives)
* A high-level financial proposal, detailing potential revenue sources and evaluating a range of commercial models
* CVs outlining the experience of the proposed team
* Case studies of previous projects, including key metrics

Closing date for the submission of the **Expression of Interest** will be on the 19th September 2018 at 12:00pm. Any Expression of Interest after this date and time will be automatically disqualified.

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