

Call for Proposal Shortlist Notice

Support on the development and implementation of hybrid mini-grids

Country : Somaliland
Programme Manager: ESRES Secretariat
Donor : Department for International Development (DFID)
Programme : Energy Security and Resource Efficiency in Somaliland (ESRES)

1 – Background

The Energy Security and Resource Efficiency in Somaliland (ESRES) Programme seeks to invest in hybrid mini-grids in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals (MoEM) and the private sector in Somaliland.

The investment in hybrid mini-grids by ESRES is a pilot programme to promote Renewable Energy development in Somaliland. The promotion of Renewable Energy through hybrid mini-grids is based on the premise that hybrid systems have advantages over mono-source systems. However, the technical and commercial context impedes widespread adoption of these systems. The experiences gained during this pilot phase will inform DFID and MoEM (and other stakeholders) on the potential for hybrid mini-grid development in Somaliland and the responsibilities for the establishment of a Renewable Energy Fund.

2 – Selection and evaluation process

The selection of viable project ideas and Implementing Partners for the development and implementation of hybrid mini-grids during ESRES Phase I followed a competitive process through a Call for Proposals. The Call for Proposals Guidelines for Applicants provided for the scope, investment model, eligibility, application procedure and evaluation procedure for this Call for Proposals. The Guidelines also provide for potential conflict of interest between potential applicants and government officials. In the first instance, only Concept Notes meeting the criteria were submitted for concept evaluation. Thereafter, pre-selected Concept Note Applicants will be invited to submit a comprehensive Technical and Financial Proposal.

The Call for Proposals was launched on 4th November and closed on 2nd December 2015. The ESRES Secretariat received Concept Notes from 23 Applicants.

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As per Guidelines of Applicants the evaluation of Concept Notes was conducted by an Evaluation Committee composed of the ESRES Secretariat and MoEM. The Evaluation Committee reviewed all Concept Notes taking into account the account geographical spread, choice of technologies, amount of the ESRES investment required, technical and financial viability and social return on the investment. The selection has also taken into account the pilot concept of ESRES Phase I. The Evaluation Report was endorsed by all members of the Call for Proposal Evaluation Committee and submitted to the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for approval.

The ESRES JSC met to review the Evaluation Report. Following deliberations of the members of the JSC the Evaluation Report was approved including a shortlist of 12 Applicants to be invited to submit a comprehensive Technical and Financial Proposal.

3 - Names of Shortlisted Applicants:

Region/Applicants Name		Town Name
SANAAG		
1	Badhan Electricity Co.	Badhan
7	EPCO	Erigavo
AWDAL		
21	Aloog Electricity Co.	Boorama
3	Horn Renewable Energy	Boon
TOGDHEER		
10	Telesom Electricity Co.	Buhodle
8	HECO	Burao
SAAXIL		
2	Beder Electricity Co.	Sheikh
11	Home Star Power	Home Star Villages
MAROODIJEH		
6	Alel Electric Co.	Gabilay
16	KAHAH	Masala
SOOL		
4	LESCO	Daami
20	Taleh Electricity Co.	Taleh