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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

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COUNTRY: Republic of Sierra Leone

NAME OF PROJECT: Sierra Leone Second Financial Inclusion Project-SLSFIP

Assignment Title: CONSULTING SERVICE FOR THE HIRING OF A LINE OF CREDIT (LOC) MANAGEMENT FIRM

Reference No. SL-BSL-434372-CS-QCBS

The Bank of Sierra Leone-BSL through the Sierra Leone Second Financial Inclusion Project-SLSFIP has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Hiring a Line of Credit (LOC) Management Firm and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") will include ensuring effective administration and management of the Line of Credit (LOC) facility, which will involves the realization of the vision and goals of the LOC facility.

The Project Implementation Unit of the Sierra Leone Second Financial Inclusion Project now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services, including availability of appropriate skilled experts, and experience in similar circumstances. The shortlisting criteria are: core business and years in business, relevant experience, technical and managerial capability of the firm. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 Revised November 2017, August 2018, November 2020 and September 2023 Procurement Regulations setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a subconsultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection** (**QCBS**) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information and detailed Terms of Reference can be obtained at the address below during office hours between 09:00 to 16:00 hours or via email at slsfip@bsl.gov.sl and copy: mariamatommy@bsl.gov.sl

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail on or before Wednesday 9th October,2024 at 11:00 GMT.

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