

Mining Program – Consultant

Terms of Reference

Background

CENTAL is seeking an experienced researcher to undertake a corruption risk assessment in the awarding of mining sector permits, licenses and contracts at the national level in Liberia. The researcher will conduct the assessment using a tool developed by Transparency International (TI) as part of a new multi-stakeholder ‘Mining for Sustainable Development’ Program aimed at strengthening transparency and accountability in the mining sector in 20 countries around the world.

The researcher will lead a comprehensive qualitative analysis of corruption risks based on a generic set of indicators that will need to be adapted to the national context. The assessment will involve participatory research using a range of methods including desk research, legal/policy analysis, expert interviews and focus groups. The researcher will have overall responsibility for adapting the research framework, collecting and analyzing data, engaging with relevant stakeholders and producing the final risk assessment report. The researcher is expected to work closely with the national-level coordinator of the program, other members of CENTAL as well as external stakeholders/experts, in order to complete these tasks.

Selection Criteria

- Relevant experience in the mining sector either professionally or in a research or academic capacity.
- Qualifications and experience in social sciences, international development or other relevant field.
- Experience in conducting qualitative and/or participatory research projects and engaging effectively with relevant stakeholders.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare reports that translate research results into information for action.
- Demonstrated commitment to transparency and anti-corruption.

Description of Tasks

The primary tasks of the researcher are to:

- Participate in a training workshop on the risk assessment tool and methodology in Berlin, Germany in October 2016.
- Produce a risk assessment report within the agreed timetable and following the methodology laid out in the corruption risk assessment tool. This includes conducting the following tasks in collaboration with CENTAL and external experts:
 - Implement the risk assessment methodology developed by Transparency International
 - Conduct a mapping of the award and licensing process and the actors involved in Liberia.
 - Adapt a set of pre-identified risks to the national context
 - Conduct a thorough desk review of existing information
 - Conduct interviews and focus groups with key individuals and organizations
 - Rate corruption risks based on an assessment of their likelihood and potential impact
 - Prioritize corruption risks and develop recommendations as a basis for advocacy
 - Produce a final risk assessment report incorporating feedback from CENTAL and other stakeholders
- Keep CENTAL updated on progress and any challenges encountered on a regular basis throughout the project
- Contribute to the launch of the risk assessment report
- Timeline will be discussed with shortlisted and selected.

Kindly address Expressions of Interest focusing on the selection criteria above and Curriculum Vitae should be sent by September 20, 2016 and sent to liberiat@cental.org or admiamen2@gmail.com.

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