



**LESOTHO ELECTRICITY AND WATER AUTHORITY**

## **CONSULTANCY SERVICE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEWA REGULATORY IMPACT FRAMEWORK AND ASSESSMENT: ADVERTISEMENT**

The Lesotho Electricity and Water Authority (LEWA) was established through the Lesotho Electricity Authority (LEA) Act, No. 12 of 2002, as amended. The Authority operates in line with Government Policy on electricity and water supply matters. LEWA is mandated to regulate the ESI and Urban Water and Sewerage Services (UWSS) where these services are not supplied on a competitive basis. The Authority further deals with matters such as electricity pricing and charges, complaints handling and disputes resolution, and supervision of implementation of Quality of Supply and Service Standards (QOSSS) by the regulated entities. The Authority's regulatory decisions affect a wide range of stakeholders in the economy and society. Mitigating such impacts is imperative for any regulatory agency. This can be achieved by ensuring that the impacts of the decisions on the economy are assessed and understood before and after such decisions are made. This requirement is also enshrined in the Authority's governing legislation which requires it to take decisions that are not at variance with the country's development objectives.

The Authority is in the process of developing a Regulatory Impact Assessment framework to design RIA framework for electricity and water, and to undertake detailed RIA assessment for the two regulated industries in the country. The Authority invites bids from competent consultant(s)/researchers to develop a Regulatory Impact Assessment framework and carry out the assessment whose objectives are outlined below:-

- a) To develop a detailed and systematic LEWA RIA framework that will be used to assess whether the Authority's decisions in regulation are likely to achieve the desired objectives or not, and further be premised on promoting accountability and transparency in regulatory decision-making;
- b) To undertake a comprehensive analysis of the decisions of the Authority during the past twelve (12) years of electricity regulation, and four (4) years of water regulation, in order to establish the extent to which such decisions have impacted all stakeholders within the two regulated industries; and

- c) To establish the extent to which such decisions have impacted the economy of Lesotho.

Bidders are requested to provide their proposals (**in English**) in two parts i.e. Technical and Financial proposals. Each proposal must be placed in a separate sealed envelope clearly marked and both sealed envelopes (**Technical and Financial Proposals**) put in one main sealed envelope. All proposals should be submitted to the address below and to reach the Authority not later than **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 at 16:00 hours** local time and clearly marked **“Proposal for Consultancy Service for the Development of LEWA Regulatory Impact Framework and Assessment.”**

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The detailed terms of reference for the assignment can be obtained from the above address or from the Authority's website at [www.lewa.org.ls](http://www.lewa.org.ls).

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