

## **ETHIOPIA EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE (EEITI)**

### **CALL FOR TENDER**

#### **(CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANTS)**

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#### **1. Background**

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global standard that promotes transparency and accountability in the oil, gas and mining sectors.

The requirements for implementing countries are set out in the EITI Standard, which, along with additional information, is available at [www.eiti.org](http://www.eiti.org).

The EITI Board agreed in February 2013 that the EITI should, in the future, require disclosure of the ultimate beneficial ownership of oil, gas and mining companies operating in implementing countries. With the adoption of the 2016 EITI Standard (Requirement 2.5), the EITI Board has agreed that by 1 January 2020, all implementing countries must ensure that corporate entities disclose the identity of their beneficial owners. In addition, any politically exposed persons who are beneficial owners must be identified. It was recommended that the beneficial ownership information is made available through public registers. In order to ensure that the necessary preparatory steps and reforms are undertaken, implementing countries were also required to agree and publish roadmaps for their beneficial ownership disclosures by 1 January 2017. Ethiopia EITI's beneficial ownership roadmap is available [online](#).

Further details about EITI Requirement 2.5 on beneficial ownership are available from <https://eiti.org/node/4922#r2-5>.

#### **2. Objective of the assignment**

The aim of this assignment is to provide the Ethiopian government and the Ethiopia EITI multi-stakeholder group with a better understanding of what kind of policies and institutional practices to have in place to collect and disclose information on beneficial ownership in accordance with the EITI Requirements. This should include whether beneficial owners are Politically Exposed Persons, such as ministers and officials who are involved in extractive industry policy-making or regulation, and whether these are required to disclose any interests they hold in entities holding exploration licences or contracts.

The objective of the assignment is to i) identify the current legal and regulatory framework and practices related to company reporting on ownership information, ii) map the companies that will be required to publish their beneficial owners in accordance with the EITI Standard, iii) assess of the institutional capacity of government agencies currently collecting company data to facilitate beneficial ownership data collection, and vi) provide recommendations for the methodology of data collection and suggest which institutions could be suitable platforms for implementing the MSG/government's objectives related to beneficial ownership.

The expected outputs from the assignment include a paper on the findings of the scoping study and the execution of a workshop to help the MSG and relevant government agencies understand key issues, challenges and next steps related to implementation of beneficial ownership transparency in Ethiopia.

### **3. Consultant requirements**

The Consultant will need to demonstrate:

- Technical and legal skills, including knowledge and work on beneficial ownership issues, transparency and governance in the extractive sector, and mandatory company reporting standards and practices.
- Knowledge of the oil, gas and mining sectors or other natural resources sectors, preferably in Ethiopia.
- A demonstrable track record in similar work.
- Experience in writing legal papers, laws and regulations or amendments to laws/regulations.
- Knowledge of Amharic is desirable but not required.

The assignment is expected to commence as soon as possible, culminating in the finalisation of the assignment by **24 March 2017**. The assignment is expected to require up to 20 consultant days.

### **4. Reference materials**

Relevant reference documents are available from [www.eiti.org/beneficial-ownership](http://www.eiti.org/beneficial-ownership).

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the International EITI Secretariat's procurement rules and procedures.

**Expressions of interest must be sent directly to the International EITI Secretariat by email to Edwin Wuadom Warden ([EWarden@eiti.org](mailto:EWarden@eiti.org)) and should clearly be marked in the subject as "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST- BO SCOPING STUDY FOR ETHIOPIA" by close of business on 16 February 2017.** All Tenders should indicate, for discussion, a proposed number of days for the work and a proposed fee rate.

Further clarifications can be directed to [EWarden@eiti.org](mailto:EWarden@eiti.org).