



RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION AGENT (IVA) FOR THE ACCELERATING SUSTAINABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY ACCESS TRANSFORMATION IN ZAMBIA (ASCENT ZAMBIA) PROGRAM

The Government of the Republic of Zambia (GRZ), through the Rural Electrification Authority (REA) is implementing the Accelerating Sustainable and Clean Energy Access Transformation in Zambia (ASCENT Zambia) Program, a five-year program supported by the World Bank (WB) with a funding allocation of US\$200 million complementing Government committed funds of US\$249.5 million to the rural electrification programme for period 2025 to 2030. The Program targets to connect over 1.6million people on both on-grid and off-grid systems in rural and peri-urban areas across Zambia.

The ASCENT Zambia Program is being implemented using the Program for Results (PforR) financing instrument, whereby disbursements are linked to achievement of Disbursement Linked Results (DLR).

REA intends to engage Independent Verification Agents (IVAs) on a three-year framework contract, whose function will be to independently verify and validate the baselines and achievement of the Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLIs) via Disbursement Linked Results (DLRs).

REA 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. The shortlisting criteria are: description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions and availability of appropriate skills among staff.

A shortlist and subsequently the IVA will be selected in accordance with the Public Procurement Act No, 8 of 2020, Public Procurement Amendment Act No.17 of 2023 and the Public Procurement Regulations of 2022.

Interested Firms/Consultants may obtain further information, including Terms of Reference, during office hours from 08:00 hours to 13:00 hours and from 14:00-16:30 hours from the office of Manager Procurement, Rural Electrification Authority Plot No. LN15087/2, Great North Road, Lusaka, Zambia. The telephone numbers are +260 211 241 296/98, email address; LChiluwa@rea.org.zm.

The Expressions of Interest should be deposited in the tender box situated in the REA Annex Boardroom at Rural Electrification Authority Plot No. LN15087/2, Great North Road, Lusaka, Zambia clearly marked **"EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN IVA FOR THE ASCENT ZAMBIA PROGRAM"**, in sealed envelopes and addressed to The Chief Executive Officer, Rural Electrification Authority Plot No. LN15087/2, Great North Road, Lusaka, Zambia.

Submission of "Expressions of Interest" must be submitted or delivered in a written form to the address above (in person or by e-mail to LChiluwa@rea.org.zm and copied to MBwalya@rea.org.zm) **not later than Thursday, 28th May 2026 at 15:00 hours local time.**

The Expression of Interest shall be opened immediately thereafter in the Annex Boardroom of the Rural Electrification Authority at Rural Electrification Authority Plot No. LN15087/2, Great North Road, Lusaka, Zambia. **LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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Manager Procurement

For/Chief Executive Officer

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