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PUBLIC CALL FOR IMPLEMENTING PARTNER ENGAGEMENT IN THE OSCE PROJECT “PROMOTING WOMEN’S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN THE ENERGY SECTOR IN CENTRAL ASIA FOR ENERGY SECURITY AND SUSTAINABILITY”

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Ref#: IP-C/SEC/04/2022 Multiple project activities: 1. TRAINING COURSE ON RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR YOUNG CENTRAL ASIAN WOMEN 2. POLICY BRIEF ON “BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG CENTRAL ASIAN’S WOMEN TO ACCESS THE ENERGY SECTOR” – TRANSLATION, LAYOUT/GRAPHICS AND DISSEMINATION

For the implementation of the OSCE Extra-Budgetary Project “Promoting women’s economic empowerment in the energy sector in Central Asia for energy security and sustainability”, OSCE seeks to hire an implementing partner based in Central Asia with proven track record delivering training and courses on renewable energy in Central Asia and collecting gender disaggregated data in education.

Background information

Despite the invaluable role that women could play across the energy value chain in support of economic growth and sustainability, the energy sector remains one of the least gender-balanced of the economy, with women making only 22% of the energy workforce. Meanwhile, the energy transition to more efficient and sustainable energy systems is set to become a key motor for job creation, economic development and enhanced energy security across regions. At the same time, the growth of the sustainable energy sector has the potential to empower women and provide them with a platform to be agents of change at the local and national level.

This transition could be particularly beneficial to the economies of the five Central Asian OSCE states due to their high potential for all renewable energy sources. As the primary managers and users of energy in Central Asian households, women could play a leading role in this transition.

However, women face persistent barriers to entry energy related careers due to multiple reasons, including a lack of educational opportunities, knowledge or skills needed to kick-off a career in the energy sector.

In particular, the low level of women’s enrolment in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) disciplines and vocational training highlights that more has to be done for equipping younger generations of women with the skills needed to succeed in the energy jobs of the future.

In this regard, the OSCE is looking for an implementing partner that would support the project staff to (1) organize and deliver a training course on renewable energy for 10 young Central Asian women and

to (2) design, translate and disseminate the OSCE policy brief on young women's barriers and opportunities to access the energy sector.

1) Specific tasks of the implementing partner shall include:

Under direct supervision and in close co-ordination with the OCEEA Project Staff, the Implementing Partner will be responsible for the logistical arrangements and the development of the following project activities:

a. Training course on renewable energy for 10 young Central Asian women

The implementing partner is expected to organize and deliver a 1-week training course on renewable energy for 10 young women (below 30 years-old) from the five Central Asian participating States of the OSCE. The training is expected to provide them with technical knowledge to access entry-level positions in the energy field and to help them connect with peers and potential employers.

The expected actions from the IP under this Activity are

- ✓ Design and deliver the training program
- ✓ Develop a call for applications to select the students
- ✓ Identify experts, professors and relevant institutions to be involved
- ✓ Organize a field trip to a renewable energy facility
- ✓ Take care of logistical arrangements for tickets and accommodation
- ✓ Conduct pre and post intervention surveys
- ✓ Draft a short evaluation report of the training program

b. Translation, layout/graphics and dissemination of the OSCE policy brief on barriers and opportunities for young Central Asian's women to access the energy sector.

The implementing partner is expected to help the OSCE with the translation, layout/graphics and dissemination of the OSCE policy brief on barriers and opportunities for young Central Asian's women to access the energy sector.

The expected actions from the IP under this Activity are:

- Design the layout of the publication – data/content already available
- Translate the brief into Russian
- Help disseminate and present the findings of the the policy brief among relevant stakeholders in the region

2) Qualifications of the IP (mandatory requirement):

- Must have extensive experience organizing and delivering courses, classes, study tours on renewable energy in Central Asia
- Shall have experience compiling and disseminating data and publication

- Shall have experience in working with governmental/intergovernmental entities and institutions in Central Asia, especially on energy/sustainability related projects;
- Staff must have strong communication skills in English and Russian

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Experience and qualifications of the selected organizations: number and relevance of courses, learning programmes, study tours, publication on renewable energy carried out in Central Asia;
 - 60 out of 100 points
2. Experience and qualifications of staff assigned to the project: number of courses/learning programs, study tours and other relevant events/activities in Central Asia;
 - 40 out of 100 points

4) The project proposal should provide:

Technical Proposal (*no prices should be included to the Technical Proposal*):

- a) Modalities of implementation of the activities foreseen for the implementing partnership agreement;
- b) Timeline of activities – to be initiated in October 2022 and concluded by end of March 2023;
- c) Background information about the applicant organization with justification of its eligibility to participate in the public call based on the qualifications:
 - a. Information on background (CVs), qualifications and experience of the staff who would be assigned to the project;
 - b. List of potential subcontractors;
 - c. List of similar activities conducted so far;
- d) Supporting documentation, as requested under paragraph (6) below.

Financial Proposal:

The Financial Proposal shall cover all expenses to be incurred for performing the services as specified including, but not limited, to the cost of the remuneration of the Bidder's personnel and all other compensations as well as other direct costs such as travel costs, if any, (to and from training location of venue). Bidder shall show a detailed cost breakdown per price categories.

As the OSCE is always interested in delivering products of the highest quality, the applicants are welcome to present any suggestions or comments on how to improve the delivering of this activity in their technical proposal.

5) Entities eligible to apply:

- Non-governmental (not for profit) organizations in the OSCE area.

6) Supporting documentation:

Applicants shall provide information on their operational capacities:



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- Registration certificate (accreditation);
- Statute (in English);
- Documentation proving expertise in organizing and developing mentoring programmes, study tours and studies on renewables and women's empowerment in the energy sector;
- A list of key management personnel and proposed project staff;
- Bank account details;
- Short description of similar projects/activities implemented in the last 5 years.

7) How to apply and the procedures to follow:

The Public Call documents are available on request by e-mail to: ipcalls-at@osce.org

The Public Call documents include:

- This document;
- Acknowledgement letter - ANNEX A. Upon receipt of this EOI, you are kindly requested to return the attached Acknowledgement Letter (Annex A) not later than **14 September 2022, 17:00 CET (local time)** at ipcalls-at@osce.org.

Applicants must apply in English. Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

Applications (Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal) must be delivered in ***separate, password protected PDF files*** to ipcalls-at@osce.org on or before **21 September 2022, 12:00 CET (local time)**.

Any application submitted after the deadline at **12:00 CET on 21 September 2022** will be automatically rejected.

Please address all your queries or questions in writing to ipcalls-at@osce.org up to 5 days before the submission deadline and kindly refrain from any telephone calls or personal visits.