



ELECTRICITY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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OUR MISSION: "REGULATING THE ELECTRICITY INDUSTRY FOR EFFICIENT AND RELIABLE SUPPLY AT EQUITABLE PRICES"

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO CARRY-OUT INSPECTION OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

The Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) is a statutory body established under the Electricity Act, 1999, Cap 145 to regulate the generation, transmission, distribution, import and sale of electricity in Uganda.

1. The Electricity Regulatory Authority is in the process of transferring the responsibility of inspecting installations prior to connecting power to consumers/customers from the distribution licensees' to competent independent parties as mandated in Section 74 (1) of the Electricity Act 1999.
2. Electricity Regulatory Authority has therefore decided to outsource the function to competent firms that will carry-out the inspections and tests, and ascertain completeness of consumer installations throughout the country prior to connection of supply.
3. **Responsibilities of the Selected Companies**
The selected firms shall be expected to carry-out the following tasks;
 - (a) Inspect new premises and issue an electrical installation inspection report which together with the completion of wiring certificate issued by the electrician, the customer shall present to the distribution licensee prior to connecting.
 - (b) Carry-out inspection as and when required by the Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA), under section 74 of the Electricity Act. 1999, to ascertain the state of health of an electrical installation and the compliance with laws and regulations.
 - (c) Report to the ERA on their activities in a format that will be approved by the Authority.
 - (d) The authority shall authorize the selected firms by issuing an appropriate permit as stipulated in the electricity (Installation permits) Regulations 2003.

- (e) The permit shall be renewable annually upon demonstration of a standard of work and conduct of business that is satisfactory during the period of validity of the previous permit.
 - (f) The authority shall prescribe an annual permit fees to be paid by the selected firms and the authority shall reserve the right to withdraw the permit when the firm is proven to have abused the responsibility bestowed on it.
 - (g) In recognition of the possibility of having cases that have no easy access to an inspection facility, the distribution licensee will have the residential responsibility to inspect the premises prior to the connection.
- 4 **Professional indemnity of the selected Firms:**
The selected inspection firms shall be expected to utilize good professional practice and in any case shall be expected to conform to the standards and codes as provided for in section 2.5 of the primary grid code. Notwithstanding this expectation, the firms shall be prepared as part of this operation to take out insurance related to professional indemnity.
 - 5 **Territorial Jurisdiction of inspectors:**
The number of selected inspection firms (which shall be categorized by regions and by single phase and three phases) shall not be restricted, and may carry out their activities all over the country. The successful firms will be published in the news paper and on the ERA website as it is currently done for reregistered wiremen.
 - 6 **Penalties in the event of default by the inspectors:**
The selected firms shall operate under the supervision of

the Installation permit committee of the ERA. As such their operations shall conform to the provisions of the electricity Act.1999 and the electricity (installation permits) Regulation, 2003. Specifically, persons found in default shall be penalized as provided for in section 89 (11) and 90 of the Electricity Act. 1999 and Section 19 of the Electricity (Installation Permits) regulations 2003.

- 7 The firms must provide information indicating their Eligibility, professional and technical capacity to undertake the task and the criteria for selecting the firms is as follows;

The eligibility requirements;

- Firms should be legally registered in Uganda (Certificate of registration/ incorporation or equivalent)
- Company/Firm Name and names of Directors physical address
- Evidence of applicable government tax clearance
- Declaration that the firm does not have conflict of interest

Technical competence should be demonstrated by the following;

- Firm experience should be a minimum experience of five (5) years in continuous engagement in similar tasks.
- The firm must prove that it has competent management team to run the affairs of the firm; it shall among its staff persons qualified and holds Class A and B categories of permits.
- The firm should demonstrate knowledge and must possess the latest edition of the institution of electrical engineers (IEE) wiring regulations
- Must provide the basis of applicable charges (chargeable fees) separated into two phases (1)

Single Phase (111) Three Phase, segregated per region and should indicate how the fees is arrived at.

- Must attach the names, qualifications and experience of the proposed professionals and their CV's.
- The firms should possess the necessary tools and equipment to carry out the recognized electrical installation tests. These should in the minimum include but not limited to, Megger insulation tester, megger earth –resistance tester, Multi-meter, fault- loop impedance meter.
- Interested eligible firms may obtain further information from **The Head, Procurement and Disposal Unit, Electricity Regulatory Authority; Plot 15 Shimoni Road Nakasero, from 9:00 hrs-17.00hrs from Monday to Friday** except public holidays.

Expression of interest (EOI) should be submitted to the address below in plain envelopes clearly marked "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO CARRYOUT INSPECTION OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS" and should be addressed to;

**The Head, Procurement & Disposal Unit
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The deadline for submission of expression of interests will be at 2:30pm, May 31, 2010.