



## REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION

### FOR

### THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SIX SOLAR PV MINIGRIDS IN SOUTH WESTERN UGANDA

1. This request for prequalification follows the general procurement notice by Worldwide Fund for Nature-Uganda Country Office (WWF-UCO) that appeared in the UN Development Business and the WWF-UCO website on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and in the local press (*New Vision*) on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
2. WWF-UCO received funding from the European Union (EU) towards the implementation of the **“Scaling-up Rural Electrification Using Innovative Solar PV Distribution Models”** Project, and it intends to apply part of the funds to cover payments for the contract for Supply, Installation, Testing, Commission, Operation and Maintenance of six Solar PV mini grids in South Western Uganda.
3. The scope of works is detailed in the guidelines to this request for prequalification.
4. The Rural Electrification Agency (REA) is a project implementation partner. The distribution grid infrastructure, customer metering and connections shall be financed by public funds through REA. REA will procure another contractor to construct the low voltage distribution infrastructure and to supply the customer service connection cable and accessories excluding the smart energy meter. Note: REA will reimburse the developer’s expenditure incurred in customer connections and the mini grid metering solution. The contractor/operator shall enter into a lease agreement with REA for the use of the distribution network.
5. WWF-UCO therefore invites interested Renewable Energy Service Providers/operators with proven capabilities and demonstrated historical performance in similar requirements in nature, complexity and size to express their interest for pre-qualification to participate in the Competitive Bidding Process for “Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operation and Maintenance of six Solar PV mini grids in South Western Uganda”.

6. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the pre-qualification documents at the purchaser's address given below from 08:00hrs to 16:00hrs on any working day from Monday to Thursday and from 08:00hrs to 13:00hrs on Fridays.
7. Interested firms can also obtain the detailed guidelines to this call from the WWF-UCO website at [panda.org/Uganda](http://panda.org/Uganda).
8. Applications must be delivered to the address below at or before 10:00 hrs (local time) on **18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late applications will be rejected. Applications will be opened immediately after the deadline of application submission in the presence of the Applicants' representatives who choose to attend.

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9. The short listing process for this call shall be conducted as per the schedule below:

S. No.	Activities	Timeline
1	Request for Prequalification Notice	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
2	Pre-Application Meeting	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
3	Submission & Opening of Applications	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
4	Shortlisting of Applicants	21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
5	Invitation for Request for Proposals	28 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> May 2018