# Joint Request for Qualifications and Request For Proposal for Project 'Light up Kwara' (LUK) – Independent Power Plant (IPP) Project

#### (1) **Introduction**

Kwara State has a population of approximately 3 million people, and limited power to satisfy its governance, social obligations, residents' households, business and industrial needs. As part of its obligation, the Kwara State Government ("KWSG") aims to improve standards of living and facilitate economic value addition; none of which would be cost effective, sustainable or even possible without affordable and stable power.

Project Light Up Kwara ("LUK") is therefore the KWSG's program to the address the power shortages through the delivery of independent power of a minimum 100 mega watt (MW) through any viable fuel source, under a Joint Venture("JV") or Build-Own-Operate("BOO") structure.

Consequently, the KWSG, via its Public Private Partnership (PPP) Bureau (herein "KP3 Bureau") seeks partnership with power developers of various kinds to meet power shortages through the availability and operations of Independent Power Plants ("IPPs") in Kwara State ("Kwara").

This is an open Request for Proposal ("RFP") wherein the KP3 Bureau is soliciting joint commercial and technical proposals, including qualifications statement (the "Proposal"), from qualified firms and consortium that are willing and capable to deliver the solutions from project development all the way through to power availability to the end user(s). Responses to this RFP will be written proposals from qualified firms and consortia that may include subcontractors under the proposed partnership.

## (2) **Background Summary**

Businesses domiciled in and residents of Kwara State require about 500 Mega Watts (MW) installed capacity to meet existing electricity power requirement from the present 6,000MW national installed generating capacity. Based on projections from the Road Map to Power Sector Reform 2010 and recently, projections from the Power Advisory Team, it has become increasingly clearer that a joint participation by the public and private sectors would be required if Nigeria is to achieve the target generation by 2018.

Given the lead-time necessary to develop power infrastructure projects, KP3 Bureau finds it imperative to solicit for full cycle partnerships from capable firms and consortia to agree under bankable terms, the modalities for delivery the necessary power assets and services. It is to

commence the initial feasibility study leading to the eventual development and improvement of current generation capacity.

## (3) **Submissions Process**

The submissions process will be conducted in 3 steps, such that only firms/consortia shortlisted after the evaluation of the preceding step will be allowed to move forward to the next.

#### (4) **Next Steps**

Interested Firm(s)/Consortium (ia) should review the full Joint RFP/RFQ on the project page on the KP3 Bureau website (at <a href="www.kwarappp.gov.ng/open-bids.html">www.kwarappp.gov.ng/open-bids.html</a>) for further details on Proposed Scope of Development and the submission requirements.

The final deadline for Step 1 submissions is 4:00 PM on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015. Only complete proposals submitted by the stipulated deadline shall be evaluated.