



Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for the Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Maintenance (DBFOM) of a Strategic Fuel Storage Facility

Kingdom of Lesotho



Date: **27th March 2026**

EOI Number/Ref number: **[PF/EOI/2025/2026-02]**

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Government of Lesotho is seeking expression of interest from accomplished construction companies to undertake the Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Maintenance, Testing and Commissioning responsibilities for a 30-day strategic fuel storage facility at Maqhaka in Berea, Lesotho. This project is critical to ensuring security of fuel supply.

The facility encompasses eleven bulk storage tanks, along with loading and offloading pumps, valve chambers, fire systems, control systems, effluent handling systems, truck loading and offloading gantries, administrative, security, MCC building complexes and access road.

The eleven (11) bulk storage tanks are of the following capacities:

- Four (4) 2730m³ tanks for the storage of petrol (ULP 93&95)
- Four (4) 3650m³ tanks for the storage of diesel (50ppm)
- Three (3) 930m³ tanks for the storage of illuminated paraffin (IP)

Complete the Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Commission for the Strategic Fuel Storage Facility in accordance with internationally accepted standards (e.g. SANS) as well as relevant international standards (ISO, API, IEC etc.) to ensure sufficient operation;

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The services required under this assignment include:

- Complete the Strategic Fuel Storage Facility, testing and commissioning in accordance with internationally accepted and relevant standards to ensure sufficient operation;
- Detail the ownership representation ensuring involvement of the State;
- Provide a detailed financing structure including the resources, risk sharing plan and allocation among project stakeholders;
- Demonstrate expertise on procurement of petroleum products from the state;
- Elaborate how petroleum products will be procured without alienating existing players and avoiding the creation of monopolies;
- Propose how other interest groups may participate;
- Propose how products will be procured from the international market;
- Propose the operating and maintenance model.

The Ministry of Energy invites suitable construction companies to submit an expression of interest. The companies may form joint ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

3. EOI SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following should be included in the submission:

- Company Overview or Company Profile;
- A track record of the company demonstrating experience in large-scale DBFOM projects, ideally

within the energy sector (e.g contract);

- A client reference list of at least three (3) clients that similar work has been implemented for;
- Project organogram illustrating the roles of each team member;
- CV and qualifications of each proposed team member;
- Demonstrate financial stability and ability to secure project financing;
- Past 5 year's audited financial statements;
- Company registration documents, Valid Tax Clearance Certificate and a comfort letter from a reputable bank.
- Description of the Company's quality assurance policies and procedures;
- Additional Certifications/procedures adopted to perform the service.

4. SUBMISSION DETAILS

Expression of Interest must be submitted by email to the address below by **Monday, the 8th June 2026, at 12:00 hrs** Central African Time (CAT). The subject of the email should be "EOI for DBFOM for Maqhaka Strategic Fuel Storage facility".

Attention:

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Attention: **Late submissions will not be considered.**

5. EOI EVALUATION CRITERIA

Expression of Interest Evaluation Criteria	Points
A. Relevant DBFOM Experience	15
B. Technical Qualification and Personnel	20
C. Ownership Model and financing structure	10
D. Quality assurance, HSSE Systems and compliance with standards	10
E. Financial Capacity	20
F. Local Participation & Capacity Building	10
G. Procurement and sales/trading model	15

6. DISCLAIMER

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