MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINING
Kingdom of Lesotho
ASCENT Project Implementation Unit

ASCENT LESOTHO
Accelerating Sustainable and Clean Energy Access Transformation

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Invitation to an Early Market Engagement

ASCENT Project · Project ID P513939 · Financed by the World Bank (IDA) · Implementing Agency: Ministry of Energy and Mining

DATE	TIME	FORMAT
Thursday, 17 September 2026	**09h00 – 12h00 SAST**	**Virtual — Microsoft Teams**
Kingdom of Lesotho · Southern Africa	South Africa Standard Time (UTC+2)	Join via the link or QR code below

◆ About the engagement

The Ministry of Energy and Mining invites interested entities and individuals — locally, regionally and globally — to an Early Market Engagement session on the high-value procurement packages under ASCENT Project. The session will gather market insight while the packages are still being developed, so that the tenders that follow are attractive, competitive and well designed.

◆ Objectives

1. Obtain national and international market insight and improve the attractiveness of the procurement process.
2. Broaden the market and encourage new contractors, consultants and suppliers to participate.
3. Refine requirements, specifications, contract terms, risk allocation, costing models and evaluation criteria.
4. Identify innovation, risks, incentives and opportunities, and adjust the approach to attract qualified bidders.

◆ Indicative procurement packages

WORKS — VILLAGE ELECTRIFICATION

- **Thaba-Tseka & Butha-Buthe:** Ha-Laka, Ha-Khoanyane, Ha-Mokoto, Matlakeng, Mononts'a
- **Mafeteng:** Qalabane, Thaba-Phechela, Tajane, Ha-Koki
- **Berea:** Khafung Ha-Majara, Khafung Thaka-Mpholo, Mphunyetsane
- **Mohale's Hoek, Butha-Buthe, Qacha's Nek & Quthing:** Liphiring, Khatibe, Kubung, Ha-Nkoko

GOODS, CONSULTING & NON-CONSULTING SERVICES

- Electrical materials and equipment
- Power-line survey contractors
- Solar home systems for 14,000 households — supply, distribution and delivery
- Consultancy: design of Component 2 and a national market assessment for off-grid technologies
- Consultancy: national clean cooking & space heating technologies
- Individual consultant: Owner's Engineer, village electrification component

Indicative and subject to change. Selection through competitive international procurement under the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers.

◆ Who should attend

Grid infrastructure contractors · **Electrical equipment & materials suppliers** · **Renewable energy & off-grid companies**
Local private sector & engineering firms · **Consulting & professional-services firms** · **Lesotho energy sector institutions**
Financial institutions · **Development partners & energy programmes** · **Industry associations & professional bodies**
Telecoms & digital-technology companies · **Potential beneficiaries & productive users**
Local community representatives · **Research, academia & technical institutions**

How to join

https://shorturl.at/DVF8c
Meeting ID: 352 586 825 485 36
Passcode: Rt2iC3uU
Scan the QR code or follow the link.
Led by Mr. Leloko Mokhutsoane, Project Coordinator, with representatives of the Ministry of Energy and Mining.

Further information

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The EME will be conducted in an open and transparent manner and all discussions will be recorded. Commercially sensitive information shared by suppliers will be kept confidential and will not be disclosed to other participants or to anyone not officially involved in the EME process. Participation confers no advantage in, and is not a precondition for, the subsequent procurement processes.