

## INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Botswana Geoscience Institute (BGI) is a public corporation constituted under the Botswana Geoscience Act, 2014 and wholly owned by the Government of Botswana. The Institute is established to undertake research in the field of geosciences and provide specialised geoscientific services, and is a custodian of geoscientific information. BGI is also mandated to promote search for, and exploration of any mineral in Botswana and acts as an advisory body in respect of geosciences and geohazards and related matters.

1.2. Botswana Geoscience Institute aims to increase its visibility to the public. To this effect, BGI has incorporated a museum concept as a vehicle to achieve its visibility and accessibility.

### 2. PROJECT'S OBJECTIVES

As a National Repository and Curator of geoscience collections, a museum naturally offers BGI the opportunity to preserve, present and showcase its collections and products. This will provide a visual space and an accessible platform for participation by members of the public thereby improving awareness and understanding of the BGI's mandate. In addition, this aims to challenge the public perception and response to the natural environment e.g., geoheritage and geo-hazards and to engender a change for the positive and benefit to the environment.

### 3. MUSEUM BUILDING, SPACE AND EXHIBITION PLAN

A historical building that was used during establishment of the Department Geological Surveys office in 1940s is planned for the BGI's Geological Museum. The plan for exhibition is to use each exhibition space (compartment) in the following areas;

- **A:** Introductory part with Botswana Geoscience Institute's mandate and highlights of services through interactives and posters.
- **B:** Main exhibition space for permanent displays taking a visitor through the geological history of Botswana and our planet Earth with respect to the rocks/minerals/fossils/meteorites specimens of Botswana arranged in chronological order.
- **C:** Continuation/Expansion of the main exhibition (B) with focus on Ore/mineral deposits of Botswana.

- **D:** Exhibition space for temporary/ thematic exhibitions which may focus on selected mineral deposits explaining all processes for its exploitation. This will be open to institutional units and stakeholders such as mines may collaborate with BGI to showcase their processes from mining to sale of their respective commodities.
- **E:** Outdoor Display targeting youth and children featuring a physical map of Botswana on the ground with relatively large rock specimens, soils of Botswana and information placards for selected areas.

### 4. PROJECT SCOPE

The successful company is expected to outline a design and plan for the geological museum exhibition that is informed by the above exhibition context in consideration of the available space and amend accordingly with expertise evaluation of the project. The company is then expected to provide all necessary exhibition display units, lighting, interactives and associated information. The BGI will provide specimens for exhibition in line with the final exhibition plan and context.

### 5. REQUIREMENTS

Companies that express interest should demonstrate the following;

- Background of the company and clear demonstration of ability to source, contract or partner with entity which has proven track record and experience in museum and education centre exhibition of geological nature. Please note that failure to provide the information above may lead to disqualification.
- All those expressing interest will be expected to participate in a mandatory self-funded site visit to be coordinated by Botswana Geoscience Institute at a date to be communicated.

6. Expressions of Interest (Eoi) in sealed envelopes clearly marked "THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BGI GEOLOGICAL MUSEUM "should be submitted to;  
The Chief Executive Officer  
Botswana Geoscience Institute,  
Private Bag0014, Lobatse. Botswana

The closing date for receipt of the Expression of Interest submission is the June 06, 2019 at 1200 hour.