



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

For the Design of Livelihood Support Projects (Rice Mill and Cassava Mill) in Edo and Delta States

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1. Background

The Africa Network for Environment and Economic Justice (ANEEJ), with support from Bread for the World (BftW), is implementing a three-year project titled *“Tackling Poverty through Livelihood Support, Advocacy for Social Protection, Climate Justice and Anti-Corruption”* from October 2023 to September 2026.

Now entering its final year, the project has successfully established community-based livelihood enterprises in four pilot communities with the goal of empowering poor and vulnerable groups through small-scale agro-processing and income-generating initiatives.

In Year 3, ANEEJ seeks to scale up these livelihood models to six additional communities across Edo and Delta States, consolidating project gains and expanding opportunities for inclusive, climate-resilient enterprise. The construction of community-based Rice Milling and Cassava Processing facilities forms part of this expansion strategy.

To this end, ANEEJ is inviting qualified Architectural Firms and Individual Architects to submit applications for the design of two standard livelihood processing facilities (Rice Mill and Cassava Mill) tailored for use in rural communities in Edo and Delta States.

2. Purpose of the Assignment

The purpose of this consultancy is to produce fit-for-purpose, contextually appropriate, and environmentally sustainable architectural designs and layout plans for small-to-medium scale community rice and cassava processing centres. The facilities should reflect efficiency, functionality, safety, accessibility, and climate adaptation principles, while promoting inclusiveness and low maintenance requirements.

3. Scope of Work

The selected architect(s) will:

- Develop architectural and structural design drawings (2D/3D) for the Rice Mill and Cassava Mill.
- Provide site layout plans with provisions for utilities (water, and waste management, options).
- Incorporate climate-smart features such as natural ventilation, and solar power options
- Prepare Bill of Quantities (BoQ) and technical specifications to guide future construction.
- Ensure that designs are compliant with local building codes and adaptable to rural contexts.

4. Deliverables

1. Conceptual and detailed architectural drawings (Rice Mill and Cassava Mill).
2. Structural drawings and foundation plans.
3. Bill of Quantities and cost estimation.
4. Presentation of final design and supporting documentation to ANEEJ's technical team for validation.

5. Required Qualifications

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Registered with the Architects Registration Council of Nigeria (ARCON) or relevant professional body.
- Minimum of 5 years' experience in rural or community-based infrastructure design.
- Proven track record in designing agro-processing, small-scale industrial, or livelihood facilities.
- Demonstrated understanding of sustainability and green design principles.
- Ability to deliver within a 4-week timeline from the date of contract award.

6. Application Requirements

Interested architects or firms should submit the following:

- A cover letter expressing interest and outlining relevant experience.
- Company/firm profile or curriculum vitae of key personnel.
- At least two (2) samples of previous related works.
- A brief technical proposal outlining the design approach and sustainability features.
- A financial proposal/quotation for design services.

7. Submission Details

Applications should be submitted electronically with the subject line: **“Application – Design of Livelihood Support Facilities (Rice Mill and Cassava Mill)”**

Send submissions to:

procurement@aneej.org

Deadline: November 8, 2025, at 5:00 PM (WAT).

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

8. Disclaimer

ANEEJ reserves the right to accept or reject any application, and only qualified candidates will be contacted. Submission of an application does not guarantee award of contract.