

Goldwyn to advise Nigerians

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THE Nigerian government has appointed Goldwyn International Strategies as an adviser on implementing the country's Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative programme in pursuit of its international treaty obligations, writes Barry Morgan.

Goldwyn will assist Nigeria's National Stakeholders Working Group (NSWG), including private sector and non-governmental organisation representatives, along with Dupre International (Nigeria).

Goldwyn is led by a former US assistant secretary of energy for international affairs and is contracted to help Abuja implement a "world-class system of transparency in the energy industry".

Goldwyn will assist in selecting an auditor for the oil and gas sector, devising a communications strategy to educate the Nigerian public on impending changes and an IT system to track payments "made in and by the Nigerian oil and gas sector".

The Goldwyn brief includes helping to create a legal framework to "guarantee that transparency will be legislatively mandated", and guiding the NSWG on best procurement practices as well as contract administration and local content provision.