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Request for Expression of Interest (Consulting Services – Firms Selection)

Country : India
Name of Project : Bihar Kosi Basin Development Project
Loan No. : Cr. 5696-IN
Assignment : Environment and Social Audit for the two Financial years (2021-22 & 2022-23)

The Government of India has received a credit from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of Bihar Kosi Basin Development Project (BKBDP) (Credit 5696-IN). The Bihar Aapda Punarwas Evam Punarnirman Society (BAPEPS), a Society established by the Government of Bihar (GoB) and registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 acting as a State Project Management Unit (SPMU) is presently Implementing BKBDP in five districts of Bihar viz. Araria, Madhepura, Purnia, Saharsa and Supaul through its implementing agencies namely Bihar Rajya Pul Nirman Nigam Ltd. (BRPNL), Rural Works Department (RWD), Water Resources Department (WRD) and Animal & Fisheries Resources Department. BAPEPS intends to engage the services of an Environment and Social Audit firm for conducting an independent Environment and Social Audit of Bihar Kosi Basin Development Project for the year 2021-22 & 2022-23.

The main objective of the E&S Audit are:

1. To review and verify compliance with ESMF during project planning, design, implementation and post implementation.
2. To review and verify compliance with screening, ESMPs, and all specific safeguard documents of respective subprojects.
3. To review and verify compliance at subproject level with statutory requirements related to social and environmental aspects including clearances.
4. To verify whether the PMU and Project Implementation Units (PIUs) have recruited qualified, experienced staff to manage E&S risks in the project and sub-projects and whether these staff have received adequate capacity building support to enable them to perform their duties effectively.
5. To assess the effectiveness of implementation of ESMF as well as safeguard documents specific to the subproject activities and reporting any gaps.
6. To review and verify how well the environmental management systems are performing and how well the social safeguards and social management plans are being implemented.
7. To review and verify integration of social and safeguard recommendations into subproject plans and design as well as in bidding documents.
8. To identify and document best practices in environment and social safeguards compliance.
9. To assess institutional and administrative effectiveness and make recommendations on improving ESMF compliance performance.
10. To make recommendations to improve ESMF implementation.
11. To advise whether the project ESMF needs to be updated or not.
12. To prepare overall summary of ESMF compliance for the project.

BAPEPS, now invites eligible consulting firms i.e. Environment and Social Audit firm ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services of Environment and Social Audit for the two said financial year. Interested consultants should provide information

demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services (brochures, description of minimum three similar assignments undertaken, experience in similar conditions, details of experience of working with externally funded e.g. World Bank, ADB etc.), projects of similar nature, having experience of preparing high quality audit reports, availability of staff in sufficient number with appropriate skill-sets, financial turnover for last three years. Having conducted at least one Environment and Social Audit for externally aided infrastructural development project (preferably World Bank aided project) will be a mandatory criteria, to submit their proposal for this consultancy.

Expression of Interest shall provide abridged CVs of the proposed team members, their previous experience in similar type of assignment with relevant supporting document and the financial statement of the organization through last 3 years balance sheets.

The Consultants can download the Draft ToR and format for furnishing the above information from www.bapeps.in and can obtain further information at the address given below between 10:00 to 17:00 hrs. on working days.

Interested firms must provide details that meet the criteria above, such as organizational profile, its structure, details of qualifications, experience and number of key staff appropriate for the assignment and documentary proof substantiating the credentials claimed. Short listing will be done strictly on the basis of the information provided.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of The World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 – Revised July 2014) (“Consultant Guidelines”) setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultancy may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)** set out in Consultants Guidelines.

Expression of Interest, titled as "Expression of Interest for Environment and Social Audit for the financial year “2021-22 & 2022-23”, must be delivered, in written form (in person, or by mail or by e-mail) to the following address up to dated 18-01-2021 till 15:30 hrs.

To,
The Project Director,
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