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Notice No: BS-01/14 dated: 05.09.2014

Invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI)

Project Management <u>Unit</u> (PMU) of West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for conducting Forest Resource Baseline Survey to ascertain Forest Growing Stock including NTFP/ MFP species and Soil & Ground water status of areas in the FPCs/EDCs involved in the Joint Forest Management in the state.

The modules and items that should be covered by baseline survey are as follows:

- <u>Study of growing stock</u> in general both in natural forests and plantations, quality of forest cover under different canopy density classes.
- NTFP content of plantations and natural forests including rehabilitated Sal coppice forests of South-West Bengal and assessment of potential production of important NTFPs, the collection and processing of which can significantly add to the enhancement of income beyond the project period. This study will also identify areas for preservation of gene pool of medicinal herbs and shrubs in different forest types distributed in this tract.

Some of the aspects that should be covered under physical parameters for baseline survey include followings:

- 1. Growing Stock assessment
- 2. Survival and growth of past plantations
- 3. Quantitative and qualitative assessment of the forest produce
- 4. Potential production of important NTFPs
- 5. Identification of areas for preservation of gene pool of medicinal herbs and shrubs
- 6. Quantitative and qualitative assessment of Soil Profile
- 7. Quantitative and qualitative assessment of Ground Water

The field based information would be incorporated in GIS platform using GPS based location coordinate information. This information can be utilized for mapping activity using satellite based information. Photographic evidences of the survey should be kept & Geo-tagging of the photographs is to be done using GPS/GIS based platform.

Coverage of Baseline Survey

The survey would cover representative FPCs/EDCs to have a comparative picture of changes in the non-project area (control) vis-à-vis project area, few areas managed by FPCs/EDCS having more or less similar conditions would also be selected outside the project intervention areas but with the same district to be called 'Non-project area managed by FPCS/EDCs'. Such study will cover about 200,000 (2 lakh) ha of forests and plantations brought under the cover of JFM

Bidder Profile /Pre-Qualification Criteria: The main eligibility criteria for shortlisting the Firm /company /institution are:

Technical Eligibility Criteria

- 1. The firm/company/institution should have completed at least two similar assignments in last 5 years. The number of assignments for which 'Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Assignment' has been obtained will only be counted as completed assignment. Similar assignment means a study conducted for natural resource Survey.
- 2. The firm/company/institution should have experience of working on similar assignment in externally aided projects.

Financial eligibility criteria

The firm /company /institution should have the annual turnover of INR Twenty five lakh or more in each of the financial years, viz., 2011- 12, 2012-13, and 2013-14. It may be noted that certified copies of the Audited Balance-sheet summary should be attached for the indicated financial years. Tentative balance-sheet may be attached for 2013-14, in case audited balance-sheet is not available.

Selection process

On the basis of evaluation of EOI, firm /company /institution (not more than five) will be short listed. The Request for Proposal (RFP) along with the Terms of Reference (ToR) will be sent to the short listed firm /company /institution only. In addition to the submission of written proposals based on RFP, the shortlisted firm /company /institution are to give presentations of their proposals on a prescribed date and venue, at their own cost. The selection shall be based on the quality and cost based selection (QCBS) method, with eighty per cent weightage for the technical proposal and twenty percent weightage for financial proposal. The final selection shall be done by an evaluation committee of experts set up for this purpose.

Application Fees:

Non-Refundable Application Fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand Only) in the form of Banker's Cheque / Demand Draft issued by any Indian Nationalized Bank drawn in favour of 'Chief Project Director, West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project ' and payable at Kolkata, West Bengal, India should be submitted with the EOI. Please note that the EOI which is submitted without the Application Fee will be rejected as non-responsive.

The EOI may be prepared as per the format appended below. The EOI and enclosures has to be

submitted in a sealed envelope containing three sets, one original and two copies. The notice number and 'EOI for conducting Forest Resource Baseline Survey' should be written on the top of the envelope and addressed to the

Chief Project Director
West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project,
Building-2, Block-LB-2, Sector-III
Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700098

The EOIs should reach at above address through registered post, courier or by hand on or before 13th October, 2014 by 1700 Hours (IST).

Application Format for EOI

To, Chief Project Director West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project, Building-2, Block-LB-2, Sector-III Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700098 Web site: www.wbfbcp.org

EOI for conducting Forest Resource Baseline Survey

(Please check "V" mark in the relevant boxes)

	EOI: One marked as 'ORIGINAL' and two copies marked as 'COPY' kept in ONE envelope and indicating on top of Sealed Envelope 'EOI for conducting Forest Resource Baseline Survey'. Demand Draft /Banker's Cheque of Rs.2000/- (INR Two Thousand Only) in favour of 'Chief Project Director, West Bengal Forest & Biodiversity Conservation Project', payable at Kolkata			
3.	Letter of Association / Authorization			
4.	Certified copy of registration certificate of the organization			
5.	Certified copy of Audited Financial statement (Balance Sheet) for the last 03 years			
6.	Each page legibly printed, numbered, signed and stamped			
Date:				
Signature (Authorized Signatory)				
Place:				
Name:				
Designation:				
Name	Name of the, firm /company /institution:			

Brief description of the , firm /company /institution

1	Name of , firm	
	/company /institution	
2	Name of Contact	
	Person	
	Designation of Contact	
	Person	
	Mobile of Contact	
	Person	
	Email of Contact	
	Person	
3	Postal Address of the ,	
	firm /company	
	/institution with	
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4	Permanent Address of	
	the , firm /company	
	/institution with	
	contact number &	
	email	
5	Establishment details	
5.1	Type of firm /company	
	/institution	
5.2	Entity details (attach	Registration details (no., year etc)
	copy of the certificate)	
6	Annual Turnover	FY 2011-12:
	(attach copy of audited	FY 2012-13:
	balance sheet)	FY 2013-14:
9	Aplication fees	DD/ Banker's cheque date & details of Bank
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Signature of the Authorised person with name & designation

Details of experience of working on similar assignment

(Past **five** years starting from of 2009-10, latest on the top). *Use same format for indicating multiple assignments*.

A. COMPLETED ASSIGNMENT/ PROJECTS

- 1. Name of assignment:
- 2. Sector:
- 3. Name of Client/ Employer:
- 4. Name of Associates, if any:
- 5. Brief Description of task undertaken (30-40 words or less):
- 6. Location of Assignment/ Task:
- 7. Value of contract (Rs. Lacs):
- 8. Total Man-months:
- 9. Total number of staff deployed:
- 10. Date of issue of work order/ contract letter:
- 11. Actual date of completion:
- 12. Certificate from Client for successfully completing the assignment (to be attached)

B. ON-GOING OR COMMITTED ASSIGNMENT/ PROJECTS

- 1. Name of assignment:
- 2. Sector:
- 3. Name of Client/ Employer:
- 4. Name of Associates, if any:
- 5. Brief Description of task undertaken (30-40 words or less):
- 6. Location of Assignment/ Task:
- 7. Value of contract (Rs. Lacs):
- 8. Total Man-months:
- 9. Total number of staff deployed:
- 10. Date of issue of work order/ contract letter:
- 11. Stipulated period of assignment:

Signature of the Authorised person with name & designation