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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)

INDIA

Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaption to Climate Change (SLACC)

Grant No.: TF-18700

Assignment Title: **Hiring the services of an agency for providing Comprehensive and Regular Crop Advisory services for SLACC Project.**

Reference No. : SLACC-6-SBCC-CF

The Government of India (hereinafter called “Recipient”) has received grant from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), (the “Bank”) , acting as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), (hereinafter called grant) toward the cost of Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaption to Climate Change Project (SLACC).

The Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change (SLACC) project (hereafter referred to as the project) is being implemented in Madhya Pradesh and Bihar under National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) of Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India. The SLACC project has been implemented in about 200 villages covering 2 Districts each in Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

SLACC project seeks to improve adaptive capacity of rural poor engaged in farm-based livelihoods to cope with climate variability and change. The components of the project are: (i) Component 1- Planning, Service Provision and Implementation of Climate Change Adaptation; (ii) Component 2- Scaling and Mainstreaming Community-based Climate Adaptation; and (iii) Component 3 – Project Management and Impact Evaluation.

In order to improve adaptive capacity of the rural poor, the project propose to provide technical assistance to the smallholder farmers on various crop advisory services. It is proposed to procure the services of one agency that will provide the crop advisory services to the targeted small holder farmers in both Bihar and Madhya Pradesh.

Objective of the Assignment:

1. The objective of the assignment is to provide regular and periodic *expert* crop advisories customized to each farmer selected by the SLACC project in both Bihar and MP, covering all major crops grown by the farmer for the entire period of the crop and for all seasons of cropping, that is based on local weather, crop, water and soil conditions.
2. Unlike traditional crop extension/advisory services, the assignment expects the use of ICT tools to deliver high quality, expert advice that takes into account data on various parameters such as local weather, crop condition, water, soil, etc., in a timely and cost-effective manner without needing

physical visit of experts to each and every farm. Thus, the assignment expects that a system will be developed that will **collect data** on crop, weather, soil and water for each crop, an **expert group** that will analyse and interpret the data to generate advisories and an **ICT platform** that brings, data collected, advisories given and action taken by the farmers into a database for further analysis.

For details scope of work, consultants may kindly refer detailed Terms of Reference placed at www.brlp.in

The Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society (BRLPS) has received grant towards the cost of the Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaption to Climate Change Project (SLACC), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

It is envisaged that services of an agency will be required for providing **Comprehensive and Regular Crop Advisory services for SLACC Project** for Bihar & Madhya Pradesh (“the Services”) SRLM.

Invitation:

The Bihar Rural Livelihoods Promotion Society now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services for Bihar & Madhya Pradesh. Interested Consultants fulfill below shortlisting criteria should provide information in the attached tabular format demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. The consulting firms/agency/organisation should have “**proven**” ICT platform that will gather data electronically on various parameters such as crop, pest and disease calendar for selection of critical period for each crop when the data must be collected; timing and technique of pictorial data (photographs of the crop) collection that shows crop growth, pest and disease attack, etc and make available to selected agri-experts who will generate the crop advisories and provide the farmer specific advisories to the small holder farmers in the project area.
2. ICT platform should have been used to deliver crop advisories to at least 10,000 farmers over a period of 5 years for 2-3 different crops.
3. Should have appropriate professional team with high level of competencies to handle tasks & responsibilities.
4. Intending Agency should have Annual Average Turnover of Rs. 5.0 crore or more in the last three completed financial years.

Weightage for Shortlisting

Sl. No.	Description	Weightage for Shortlisting
1.	Availability of “ proven ” ¹ ICT platform. Provide key features of the ICT platform, including the technical details, number of crops for which the application shall support and varied geographical areas that can be served during a particular cropping season, maximum number of farmers that can be served, type of advisories generated, scope for customization, interoperability/ scope for porting the data from third party application, etc.,	30 Marks
2.	Past experience of the ICT platform (should have been used to deliver crop advisories to at least 10,000 farmers over a period of 5 years for 2-3 different crops) (Cumulative over a period of last 5 years). Provide the details of the projects for which the application is used, including the client, duration of the project, project areas, no of farmers served, types of advisories generated etc. NOTE: one assignment means experience with at least 10000 farmers)	1 assignment = 10 marks 2 assignments = 20 marks. 3 assignments = 30marks. Total 30 marks
3.	Availability of appropriate Professional team with high level of competencies to handle tasks & responsibilities.	10 – 20 numbers = 10 Nos. 20 Numbers & above = 25 Nos.
4.	Intending Agency should have Annual Average Turnover of Rs. 5.0 crore or more in the last three completed financial years. Audited financial statements of the last three years should be attached	2 – 3 crore = 5 Nos. 3- 4 crore= 10 Nos. 5 crore & above = 15 Nos.
NOTE: Short listing will be made on above Information only. Attach supporting documents.		

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IDA Credits by World Bank Borrowers 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM.

Expressions of interest for providing consultancy services should be delivered in sealed envelope in a written form **along with a soft copy in a CD/DVD** along with necessary supporting documents to the address below in person or by mail by 18th March 2016.

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