

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT (ESCAMP) MINISTRY OF MAHAWELI DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT CREDIT NO.5792 LK

CONTRACT NO:LK-ESCAMP-PMU-29024-CS-INDV SOCIOLOGIST/SOCIOECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

CONTRACT NO: LK-ESCAMP-PMU-29022-CS-INDV LAND USE SPECIALIST

Background of the Consultancy Assignment

Ecosystem Conservation and Management Project (ESCAMP) funded by the World Bank is executed by the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment (MoMDE) in collaboration with the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Wildlife (MoSDW) through a Project Management Unit (PMU).

Component (1) of ESCAMP will provide technical assistance, training and capacity building to develop a guiding frame work for landscape-level management planning and support the piloting of landscape planning and management in two selected landscapes.

In view of that to support the landscape management planning process PMU intend to hire two individual consultants in the capacity of **1) Sociologist/Socioeconomic Development Specialist 2) Land use Specialist**, under the direct supervision of the Project Director.

The proposed pilot landscape for this assignment includes **Hurulu (FR), Anawulundawa (PR), Kawdulla (NP) forest complex and peripheral area (lower catchment of the Mahaweli River basin)**.

1) Sociologist/Socioeconomic Development Specialist

The job description and minimum qualifications required for respective consultant are given below;

A) Job description

- a) Identify key stakeholders within the landscape and having a significant impact on conservation.
- b) The Consultant will take a lead role in assessing the socio-economic status of local people in the selected landscape.
- c) Collect, review and compile all existing socio-economic data/information and undertake necessary field assessments to collect the required primary data.

- d) Assess the type and level of community dependence on PAs and the conservation challenges.
- e) Similarly, assess the impact of environmental degradation, caused by land degradation, economic development and other factors.
- f) Rank villages/clusters of villages around PAs and within the landscape according to their level of dependency and consequent conservation impacts and map the locations.
- g) Provide technical and methodological guidance to the FD and DWLC teams to work closely with PA buffer zone/adjacent communities.
- h) Evaluate and assess ongoing/past community development projects/activities launched in the project area and record their success, effectiveness, drawbacks and specific impacts.
- i) Based on the findings of the socio-economic analysis above, provide necessary inputs by of recommendations and proposals for rural economic development and livelihood enhancement

B) Duration - 4 Months (Full Time)

C) Academic Qualifications and Experience

- i). Bachelor Degree in Sociology/Agriculture/Natural Resources Management or related field with a Master degree in Socioeconomics/Rural Development/Resources Economics or other directly related field,
- ii). Minimum 10 years' experience in Socioeconomic Assessments, Social Mobilization, Rural Development/ Community Development and Socioeconomic enhancement activities,
- iii). At least 5 years proven experience of working in the above mentioned fields within the context of protected areas and buffer zones.

2) Land use Specialist

A) Job description

- a) The Consultant will take a lead role in studying and classification of the existing land-uses patterns across the selected landscape.
- b) The consultant will review the governing policy and regulatory framework for land-use planning applicable to the selected landscape and identify key stakeholders.
- c) The Consultant shall review the boundaries of proposed landscape (If necessary) and assess the present and future land needs of key stakeholders, capacity of the land to meet such needs and identify existing and potential conflicts.
- d) The Consultant shall assess in detail (i) threats to conservation for project areas (ii) the issue and driving forces of land degradation with significant impacts on PA management.
- e) The Consultant shall identify key environmental issues caused by unsustainable land-use practices/ land degradation.

- f) The Consultant shall be expected to pay special attention to Human-Elephant conflict of the areas and recommend appropriate land use applications and approaches for minimizing them.
- g) Pay attention to obtain information on other land use planning exercises carried out for the same area.
- h) Provide necessary guidance and leadership in developing methodologies for data collection and train data collecting teams including project staff.

B) Duration 4 Months (Full Time)

C) Academic Qualifications and Experience

- i. Bachelor Degree in Agriculture, Bioscience or Natural Resources Management with Master degree in Agronomy, Agriculture Economics, Environmental Forestry, Natural Resources Management or any another related field,
- ii. Minimum 10 years managerial and advisory experience in fields such as Agricultural systems, Land use planning and soil and water conservation etc.,
- iii. At least 5 years proven experience of working in the fore mentioned filed within the context of natural resources, protected areas and buffer zones.
- iv. Preference will be given to candidates who have competency on GIS technology in land use planning and spatial assessment.

Remuneration: For both positions (1) Sociologist/Socioeconomic Development Specialist and (2) Land use Specialist, is negotiable based on the qualifications and experience.

Selection Criteria:

Suitable candidates for both positions will be selected through a structured interview based on experiences and qualifications. Work experience in foreign funded projects will be an added advantage. The individual will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD loans and IDA credits and grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011, revised July 2014 for the selection of Individual Consultants.

Application Procedure

The Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment, invites interested eligible individuals to submit their Expressions of Interest (EoI). Interested Candidates must provide a CV including information that demonstrates that they are qualified to perform the services (description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills, etc.) as per the respective individual terms of reference for each position. Applicants who are in the Government/public Sector should forward their applications through their respective Heads of Departments.

A more detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the consultancy services will be available on the Ministry's website www.environmentmin.gov.lk. Interested individuals may obtain further information and queries from the contact details provided below on public working days between 09:00 hrs to 15:30 hrs from 25th September, 2017.

All applications should be submitted via registered post with the respective position the application is meant for indicated clearly in block letters on the top left corner of the envelope on or before 10th October, 2017 to the address mentioned below, to the Project Director-ESCAMP.

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