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Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Services to Implement Resettlement Plan for Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Investment Program (FRERMIP)-Project 1

Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Investment Program- Project 1 requires Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) Services for Resettlement Plan Implementation Support to perform Resettlement activities in the project area and identify and listing of affected people, valuation of properties and making payment of resettlement benefit to them. Details of activities and scope of services will be mentioned in Section 7 of RFP (Terms of Reference).

Introduction

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) with an ADB administered co-financing grant from the Government of Netherlands toward the cost of Flood and Riverbank Risk Management Investment Program (FRERMIP)- Project 1 and intends to apply part of the proceeds of the project fund to payment under the Contract for engagement of Non-Governmental Organization(NGO) for Resettlement Plan Implementation under Package No. S-02.

Project Background

The Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), Ministry of Water Resources, Government of Bangladesh has undertaken a project namely Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Investment Program (FRERMIP). The main focus of the project is to reduce the riverbank erosion and flood risk to the adjacent flood plains while maximizing economic activities in a sustainable and environmentally acceptable manner. The Project envisages acquisition of 136 (one hundred thirty six) hectares of land for construction/reconstruction of embankment along the right bank of Jamuna River, river bank protection work in the right & left bank of Jamuna River and also in the left bank of Padma River and construction of structures in the right bank of Jamuna River Sirajgonj, Tangail and Manikgonj Districts. This acquisition will affect an estimated displacement of about 1814 households and small business enterprises. In addition to that, the amount of land also includes agricultural land to be lost by some people requiring resettlement. However, during performance of the assignment under implementation the aforementioned number may vary within an estimate range of $\pm 25\%$ depending on the field condition and practical necessity.

Scope of Services

Non-Governmental Organization's (NGO's) Services are required to support Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) to implement Resettlement Plan in the Project areas. Engagement with local communities on the project is considered integral to the successful implementation of the project's components, and thus, a reputed NGO is sought to manage and oversee this work on behalf of the BWDB.

The objectives of the NGO services are to manage and oversee tasks for implementation of Resettlement Plan, particularly i) updating the Resettlement Plan, ii) consultation and stakeholder

participation, iii) verification of census/inventory assisting affected persons in the process of relocation/resettlement, and iv) lead responsibility in planning and implementing the livelihood activities under the Resettlement Plan and Ensure Gender Sensitivity in relation to the successful implementation of the FRERMIP-Project 1.

The main task of the selected consultants' (NGO) will include but not limited to:

- Preparation and updating of Resettlement Plan and assist BWDB in preparing land acquisition plan to be submitted to DC (Deputy Commissioner) offices.
- Assist in joint verification of affected persons and properties and prepare cost estimate and budgets.
- Preparation of individual entitlement and issuance of ID cards. Also assist in preparation and issuance of notices under section 3 and 6 and explain contents and implication of the notices.
- Assist BWDB in disbursement of compensation to the affected people according to the DCs list and also assist payment of compensation to the non-titled persons to be paid by BWDB.
- Selected NGO will play a vital role regarding grievances redress process. The most important preconditions for doing this with maximum effectiveness are that the RP-INGO operatives will build personal rapport and confidence with the Affected Persons (APs) and will be fully aware of all socioeconomic problems/issues arising from the acquisition. Among other things, NGO will ensure that the APs are fully aware of the grievances redress procedure and process of bringing their complaints to the Grievances Redress Committees (GRCs).
- Selected INGO will submit reports as per requirements.

Duration / Reporting

The NGO is expected to assist the Project period of about 2 years, which is spreading over 3 years. The key personals of the INGO will be engaged intermittently in consultation with Project Director. The NGO will report directly to the Project Director (PD), PRERMIP and Chief Resettlement Officer (CRO), who will be responsible for its contract management and supervision on behalf of the BWDB.

Qualification / Selection / Association

Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) under the Ministry of Water Resources now invites eligible NGOs to indicate their interests in providing the above mentioned services. Interested NGOs must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (such as: brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). The financial capability should be shown as yearly Financial Turn Over supported by audited financial reports for last five years. The NGO/Consortium of NGOs should have relevant professional experiences. The form of association, if any, should be clearly indicated either "joint venture" or "sub-consultancy"; and all members should have well defined inputs to the assignment. In the case of joint-venture, all NGOs shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire NGO's obligations under the contract. In case of sub-consultancy, the main NGO shall sign the contract and shall be liable for the entire NGO's obligations under the contract. The total number of NGOs including their associates shall not exceed three (3).

The Expressions of Interest (EOI) would be assessed on the basis of the following aspects to prepare a short list:

1. Registration of NGO
2. Availability of Professionals with Appropriate Skills
3. Financial Resources
4. Availability of other Resources



5. Experience of NGO in Similar Services
6. Experience of NGO in Other Services

Selection Procedure

Selection of the NGO will be based on CQS (Consultants' Qualification Selection) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the Asian Development Bank's *Guidance on the Use of Consultants by Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers* issued in- August 2013(Standard Request for Proposal for Selection of Consultants)

Further Information

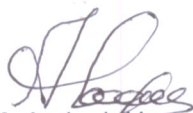
Interested NGOs may obtain further information at the address below during regular office time 1100 to 1300 hours (BST) on all working days. They may also obtain further information in the BWDB's official website: www.bwdb.gov.bd. The notice of REOI is also available in CPTU's official website: www.cptu.gov.bd.

Submission Due Date

The deadline of the submission of EOI is July 9, 2015 up to 1200 hours (BST) in four (4) sets, one (1) original+ three (3) copies with a soft copy in CD as pdf and clearly marked "Expression of Interest" for the "NGO's Services for Resettlement Plan Implementation under FRERMIP- Project 1 (Package No. S-02).

Right to Select/Reject

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs, or annul the NGO selection process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever and without incurring any liability to any affected NGO(s).



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