



Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Environmental Specialist under PMU

Bangladesh

Coastal Embankment Improvement Project, Phase-1(CEIP-1)

Disaster Risk and Climate Change Unit

Sustainable Development Department

Environmental Specialist

(Contract Package No. CEIP-1/D1/S16)

Credit No-5280- BD

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1. The Government of Bangladesh (GOB) has received financing from International Development Association (IDA) to meet part of the cost of the Coastal Embankment Improvement Project, Phase-1 (CEIP-1). The overall **objective** of the CEIP-1 is to increase the resilience of coastal population to natural disasters and climate change. More specifically, the project aims at (a) reducing the loss of assets, crops and livestock during natural disasters; (b) reducing the time of recovery after natural disaster such as cyclone; (c) improving agricultural production by reducing saline water intrusion which is expected to worsen due climate change; and (d) improving the Government of Bangladesh's capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. This objective will be achieved by **rehabilitating and improving the polder system in the coastal area**. The project is expected to be implemented over 7-8 years. The project is spread over 6 districts in coastal area of Bangladesh, viz., Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Pirojpur, Borguna and Patuakhali.

The Project would be implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR), through the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB). BWDB has set up a Project Management Unit (PMU) to oversee the development and execution of the project. The PMU is led by a Project Director and located in BWDB's headquarters in Dhaka. Also, one Field Level Offices (FO), at Khulna has been set up headed by an Executive Engineer. PMU is being assisted by a Detailed Design & Construction and Supervision (DDCS) & Project Management Support (PMS) Consultants and a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Consultants. The PMU will /has appoint/appointed an Independent Panel of Experts (IPOE) to oversee the technical implementation of the project. PMU has already appointed a Senior Environmental Specialist who is now working based at Dhaka on the environmental aspects of the project.

As part of the Field Offices at Khulna, Bagerhat, Patuakhali and Borguna, BWDB plans to hire a highly qualified **Environmental Specialist** with sound knowledge, clear understanding and expertise of (i) assessing the environmental impacts of coastal polders addressing coastal ecology, river morphology, water resource management, social environments, climate and disaster risk; (ii) managing of environmental safeguards compliance issues in projects under the World Bank Environmental Safeguards Operational Policies; and (iii) ensuring environmental and occupational safety during project implementation and emergency response of embankment failure and natural and anthropogenic disaster.

2. Key Functions of the Environmental Specialist:

The Environmental Specialist will provide technical assistance to ensure environmental compliance in the physical, ecological, social, river morphological dimension of coastal polder. S/He will assist in ensuring compliance with all environmental legislation during the identification, preparation, design, implementation and operation of subprojects. The scope of work for the position are as follows:

Task 1: Updating EIA for Polders and Environmental related functions of CEIP-1 over all

Task 2: Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

Task 3: Monitoring and Evaluation: Implementation of EMP

Task 4: Documentation & Capacity Building

Details of assignments/tasks of the Environmental Specialist are furnished in the Terms of Reference (TOR). Interested Applicant(s) may obtain TOR in the BWDB's official website: www.bwdb.gov.bd.

3. Qualifications and Experiences:

The Environmental Specialist must have;

- at least Master's degree in Environmental Engineering/Environmental Science/ Environmental Resources and Planning.;
- at least seven (7) years of working experience related to preparation of EIA and integration of environmental and social issues in the design, implementation and operation of polder related projects.
- demonstrated sound technical expertise in international good practices on environmental safeguards and have proven track record of providing social safeguard oversight functions.
- experience in forestry, hydraulic structure, river morphology, coastal ecology, climate change impact and World Bank funded project is preferred.
- excellent communication and writing skills with higher-level computer skills in Windows operating system (Word, Excel, Access, etc.). Knowledge on GIS mapping will be an added advantage.

4. Duration of the Assignment:

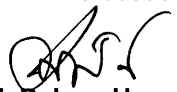
Duration of the consultancy services would be for **two (2) years** starting from FY 2016-2017 to FY 2018-2019. However the performance for first year will determine the continuity of the contract for the remaining years. The contract may be extended based on project needs and subject to satisfactory performance of the consultant during the contract period.

5. Selection Procedures:

BWDB now seeks the application from eligible applicants to express their interest in providing services (complete CV with detail information about employment history with duties and responsibilities, current remuneration, academic details, major publication(if any), contract address including telephone number and e-mail) . The consultants will be selected in accordance with World Bank Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers, [January 2011 (Revised July 2014)]. Applicants currently in government service in the client's country may apply only if they satisfy Paragraph 1.13 (d) of the Consultant Guidelines.

6. Remuneration : Negotiable

7. Expression of interest (hard copy) must be delivered to the address below by **14-03-2017** in three sets (1 original + 2 copies) and a Soft Copy in CD (in Word Version) clearly marked "Expression of Interest" for the "**Consultancy Services for Environmental Specialist**" under **PMU, CEIP-I, (Contract Package No.CEIP-1/D1/S16)**. The applicant (who are in job) shall furnish an undertaking along with their EoI to the effect that he/she will be available to join in CEIP-I, if selected by the client.
8. Interested Consultants may obtain further information at the address of the undersigned during normal office hours.
9. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs, or annul the process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s)


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