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**Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for
Senior Forestry Specialist
Under PMU/Field Office**

Bangladesh

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

Disaster Risk and Climate Change Unit

Sustainable Development Department

Senior Forestry Specialist

(Contract Package No. CEIP-1/D1/S12)

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 CEIP-1 field offices at Khulna, Bagerhat, Patuakhali, & Barguna, BWDB plans to hire a highly qualified Senior Forestry Specialist (Personnel) with sound knowledge and expertise on technical, social, environmental and economic dimensions of coastal afforestation (mangrove afforestation) as well as raising of plantations of suitable species on the embankment slopes including implementation and monitoring.

2. Key Functions of the Senior Forestry Specialist:

The Senior Forestry Specialist will provide technical supports of various dimensions on coastal afforestation to the Project Director and the NGOs responsible for implementing the social afforestation programs. S/he will work in close collaboration with Construction Supervision Consultants, Local Government Authorities, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Water Management Organizations (WMOs) and the Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD).

The specific tasks/ responsibilities of the specialist will be, but not limited to, the following:

- (i) Supervise and guide preparation and implementation of foreshore and social forestry afforestation operational plans;
- (ii) Monitor and deliver foreshore and social forestry best practices standards;
- (iii) Provide technical guidance and leadership to build the afforestation capacity of relevant field personnel;
- (iv) Provide guidance to NGOs on participatory approaches;
- (v) Guide on the strengthening of public awareness activities of the NGOs, CBOs and WMOs;
- (vi) Liaison and collaborate with key stakeholder groups, project personnel and government authorities;
- (vii) Provide support to NGOs, CBOs and WMOs on alternative livelihoods ;
- (viii) Provide afforestation related inputs to the NGO(s) ;

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

3. Qualifications and Experiences:

The Senior Forestry Specialist should have Masters' degree in Forestry / Forest Management/ Silviculture/Forest Biology with strong forestry background with a minimum of 10 years of work experience of which at least 7 years should be directly related to the relevant technical, social, environmental and economic tasks of coastal foreshore afforestation (mangrove afforestation) and social forestry activities. The expert must have demonstrated sound technical expertise in international good afforestation and social forestry practices and have proven track record of providing forest management, planning, monitoring and capacity building oversight functions. Knowledge of World Bank/ Asian Development Bank or similar development partner's procedures and guidelines will be preferred. S/he must have excellent communication and writing skills with higher-level computer skills in Windows operating system (Word, Excel, Power Point Access, etc.) and other applications.

4. Duration of the Assignment:

Duration of the consultancy services would be for 24 months (twenty months). However the performance for first year will determine the continuity of the contract for the remaining year. The Contract may be extended based on project needs and subject to satisfactory performance of the Consultant during the contract period.

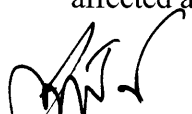
5. Selection Procedures:

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 **12-04-2017** 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 Senior Forestry Specialist**" under **PMU, CEIP-I, (Contract Package No.CEIP-1/D1/S12)**. 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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