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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REoI)

Country: Bangladesh

Name of the Project: Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project

Credit No: 6325-BD

Assignment Title: Selection of Consulting Firm for Social Satisfaction Survey-Baseline and Endline.

Reference No. Package no: SD-36

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the **Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Brief objectives of this assignment are to assess peoples' satisfaction about:

- The project performance on selected Results Framework Indicators as well as focusing on change in forest management by creating space for community stewardship and increased ascenes to livelihood of forest dependent communities
- Changes in forest governance with respect to the formation and operation of Collaborative Forest Management Committees (CFMC), communities' engagement during Site-Specific Planning and feedback mechanism of social auditing;
- Peoples' knowledge and attitudes towards forest restoration, ecosystem service benefits, wildlife protection, habitat management and response to climate actions.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and soft copy of Prescribed Format for Submission of Expression of Interest can be found at the following website: www.bforest.gov.bd.

The Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD) now invites eligible Consulting Firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consulting Firms should provide information as per prescribed Format mentioned above that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The required qualification and experience of the firm/firms are as follows:

- A registered consulting firm with 10 years of working experience in natural resource management;
- Specific experience of minimum 03 years in conducting social survey.
- Experience in conducting Social Satisfaction Survey will be preferred.
- Evidences on the experience of Forest Management/ Social Forestry/ Protected Area Co-management will be treated as added advantage.
- Experience of working under donor funded projects will be an added advantage;
- The consulting firm will have sufficient and relevant managerial, financial and organizational capabilities and logistics for the assignment.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

Attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 (Revised November 2017 and August 2018) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consulting Firms may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate **clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy**. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract. It is preferable to limit the maximum number of firms within 03 (three) in an association including the Lead Firm.

A Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **September 1, 2021 up to 2:30 PM**.

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