REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
FOR
CONSULTING SERVICES FOR NAGALAND FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT

1. The Government of India (hereinafter called “GOI”) has received the ODA (Overseas Development Assistance) loan of the Government of Japan (hereinafter called “the Loan”) toward the cost of Nagaland Forest Management Project (hereinafter called “the Project”) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this Loan to payments under the Consulting Services for implementation of the Project. Nagaland Forest Management Project Society (hereinafter called “NFMPS”) is thus employing a consulting firm for the Project.

2. NFMPS now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their expression of interest (EOI) in providing the services. Interested Consultants (hereinafter “Consultant(s)”) should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experiences to perform the services. The Consultant may associate with other firms to enhance their qualification. The Consultant shall clearly state their association, if any, whether in the form of joint venture or sub consultant in this Expression of Interest (hereinafter called “EOI”).

3. The Project consists of the following components:
   o Preparatory works,
   o Forestry interventions and biodiversity conservation through community participation;
   o Livelihood Improvement and Community Development;
   o Institutional strengthening through capacity & infrastructure development of Forest Department and its personnel through various programs in the project, to enable them to effectively implement the objectives of the project.

   The Project targets about 185 villages in the State of Nagaland. In the targeted villages, total area for “Forestry Interventions in Village Landscape” is 79,096 ha. There are five models to be applied: Jhum Agroforestry (JAF), Jhum Fallow Forestry (JFF), Jhum Conversion to Forestry (JCF), Jhum Conversion to Community Conservation Areas (JCC) and Protection and Expansion of CCA (PEC). The Project will promote developing these models taking into considerations the local traditions and customs.

4. The Consulting Services will be provided by the Consultant as Project Management Consultant (PMC), which includes:
   i. To provide technical and administrative support to Project Management Unit (PMU), District Management Units (DMU) and Forest Management Units (FMU);
   ii. To support PMU in the project management;
   iii. To monitor, evaluate and reporting of activities undertaken in the project.
5. Duration of this consulting services is estimated for Eight (8) years. The firm should be able to provide following Experts:

- **Professional A** (International Expert):
  1. Forestry Expert

- **Professional B** (National Experts):
  1. Team Leader cum Community Development Expert
  2. Capacity Building cum Livelihood Expert
  3. Monitoring & Evaluation/Management Information System cum Documentation Expert
  4. Forest Management cum Biodiversity Expert
  5. Procurement Expert

7. The EOI should include:
   a. The Firm’s Registration Certificate: The Firm should be registered at least for last Ten (10) years anywhere including in India;
   b. Total number of experts (permanent, only those associated with the firm for more than One (1) year);
   c. A summary note enlisting general work experience of the firm and the copy of latest Company’s Brochure;
   d. Corporate capacity of the Firm (financial information as Audited Financial Statement, paid up capital and Annual Turnover (sales) for last three (3) fiscal years). The Firm should have an average annual turnover of more than fifty (50) million INR or equivalent to other currencies in the last three (3) fiscal years;
   e. Experiences in providing technical, managerial, research and/or implementation support for government/external donor agency assisted forestry and/or rural development projects at National, State, and/or District level in India in following criteria:
      i. Consulting services for Project Management Unit for central/state government projects;
      ii. Consulting services for Donor Funded Projects; and
      iii. Working in North Eastern states of India
   f. Information of contacts: Name, Position, Address, Telephone/Fax number, and email address
   g. Agreement of Joint Venture, or Association/Consortium, if applicable

8. The Consultant may download the “Sample Format for Submission of EOI” from the Government of Nagaland web portal (www.nagaland.gov.in). The Consultant shall submit one (1) original and four (4) copies of the EOI with soft copy in CD-R in sealed envelopes marked with "EOI for Consulting Services for Nagaland Forest Management Project”.

9. The Consultants will be selected through Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method, according to "Guidelines for the Employment of Consultants" (April 2012) and "Standard Request for Proposals under Japanese ODA Loans, Selection of Consultants". It is intended to invite the short listed Consultants to submit their Technical and Financial proposal as per the Request for Proposal document to be issued to them.
10. Interested Firms may obtain further information about the Project and the services at the address below during office hour.

    Project Director (Administration, Finance & Procurement)
    Nagaland Forest Management Project,
    O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Head of Forest Force,
    Kohima, Nagaland 797001
    Tel: +91-370 2244227; Fax: +91-370 2244227
    Email: nfmp-ngl@gov.in

11. Expression of Interest (EOI) must be delivered in written form to the address mentioned above by 15.00 hours on 28th November, 2017 (Tuesday).

12. Conflict of Interest: No serving or retired officer of the Department of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of Nagaland shall be engaged as Consultant/Expert or be part of any Consortium

13. In case of any litigation the jurisdiction shall be Kohima, Nagaland.