REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Country : MYANMAR
Project : Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management (AIRBM) Project
Credit No : IDA 55590
Project ID : P146482

Assignment Title : C1 National Social Specialist for Yangon Region IWRM Project Preparation (CONTRACT No. C 1.28)

Duration : This assignment is for 20 working days in the period February-March 2018.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has received interest free loan financing assistance from the World Bank toward the cost of the Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management (AIRBM) Project. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR), MoTC is the implementing agency of the AIRBM through the Project Management Unit (PMU) established under the supervision of DG of DWIR, and intends to apply part of the credit for consulting services.

The PMU now invites expressions of interests from qualified candidates for the below position. Interested candidates must provide their updated curriculum vitae (CV), indicating personal and technical skills, qualifications and experience in similar assignments. In their expressions of interest, the candidates are requested to indicate the position they apply for and the relevant reference number stated above:

Experience Requirements

- Master degree in social sciences, socio-economics, or similar;
- At least 10 years of varied professional experience in applied social science and socio-economics;
- Demonstrated experience in social field work, including quick, cursory surveys;
- Familiarity with the Yangon Region;
- English language writing skills.

The location of the service will be at the PMU Office in Yangon.
The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers dated July 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1600 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 31st January 2018, 17:00 hrs.

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1. **Background**

The AIRBM Project (2016-2020) has a facility under Component 1 to support the preparation of priority investments for financing by the World Bank and/or other development partners. The facility may fund surveys, assessments, feasibility studies, procurement, workshops and other activities.

One of the priority investment projects that is being prepared by the AIRBM Project is the **Yangon Region IWRM Project**. The project objective is to equip the Yangon Region with the necessary hydraulic infrastructure and IWRM implementation capacity development services to increase flood protection and fresh water supply, improve navigation and irrigation and drainage, and provide agricultural extension support to allow farmers to capitalize on improved infrastructure.

The project scope is scalable, depending on availability of World Bank resources and possible additional financing from the Netherlands, Korea, Japan, China, etc. The focal area of the project is the Yangon Region to the West and South of Yangon City, including the Twante Canal and the Pan Hlaing River and their catchments.

Recent background information can be found in: (i) initial concept note of the Yangon Region IWRM Project, (ii) feasibility study for the Pan Hlaing sluice (by the Netherlands),
and (iii) the reports and power points of the Twante Canal Improvement Project Phase 1 and 2 (by Korea).

2. **Objective**

The objective of the initial social survey is to provide current data and information on the people living in the project area, including issues such as population distribution, migration, ethnic groups, and the people’s livelihoods and issues.

3. **Scope of works**

The Consultant will carry out the following activities:

- Discuss the assignment with the Client and consultants that have worked in or recently visited the project area;
- Prepare a work plan for the assignment and discuss this with the Client;
- Collect relevant available social data and information (see below) from accessible sources, including government offices, university libraries and others;
- Carry out field surveys in the urban and rural areas in the project area South and West of Yangon, including the Pan Hlaing and Twante Canal catchments.
- Prepare a draft report that includes the following information:
  - Population distribution map;
  - Information on people’s incomes and livelihoods;
  - Information on internal displaced people: how many and where do they live, and what are their key circumstances?
  - Information on ethno-linguistic groups: which, where, how many, key circumstances;
  - Key physical cultural resources;
  - Relevant issues related to poverty, food security, water, land, salinity, land tenure situation, access to natural resources, others;
  - Trends in the above and drivers of change;
  - An annex with the itinerary and individuals met.
- Discuss the draft report with the Client and subsequently finalize it.

4. **Duration**

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5. **Reporting Line**

The Consultant will be work under the managerial and technical direction of the AIRBM Component 1 Director.

6. **Qualifications / Requirements:**

The Consultant will have the following qualifications:

- Master degree in social sciences, socio-economics, or similar;
- At least 10 years of varied professional experience in applied social science and socio-economics;
- Demonstrated experience in social field work, including quick, cursory surveys;
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7. **Condition of Payment**

The Consultant will be required to enter in a contract with the AIRBM Project PMU as per the terms and conditions of the contract document.

An advance payment of 20% of the contract value will be paid upon signing of the contract. The final payment will be made after approval of the draft report with the description and results of the initial social survey (Section 3).

Travel costs will be reimbursed following submission of receipts/boarding passes etc.