

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Country : MYANMAR
Project : Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management (AIRBM) Project
Credit No. : IDA 5559
Project ID : P146482
Assignment Title : National Social Officer
Reference No : C1.4-8 e

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing 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), Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC), is the implementing agency of the AIRBM through the Project Management Unit (PMU) established under the supervision of the DG of DWIR, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The PMU now invites expressions of interests from qualified candidates for **National Social Officer** Position. Interested candidates should 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 applied for and the relevant **Reference No** stated above.

Consultant Qualification Requirements

The consultant shall meet the following requirements -

1. Master's degree in social science, public administration, environmental management, development studies, natural resources management (or) any other relevant field
2. At least 5 years of professional experience in the relevant field
3. Experience in the organizing stakeholder consultations, workshop, media press event and public awareness training is essential;
4. Experience with World Bank Group Operational Policies and Performance Standards is preferable;
5. Solid understanding of Myanmar Water Resources, Environmental sector and socio-economic and political issues around development projects in Myanmar is crucial;
6. Fluency in English and Myanmar language and strong technical report writing skills and communication skills is essential;
7. Good computer skill particularly in Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Power Point, PDF) is necessary
8. Respect to different gender, social classes and all ethnic groups of Myanmar and excellent interpersonal skill is required.
9. Ability to work in a challenging, time sensitive, rapidly changing environment, and to work collaboratively with a diverse team is crucial

The contract period will be 12 months with a possibility of extension. The location of the service will be 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 *09:00 to 17:00 hours*.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) by 23rd Aug 2018, 17:00 hrs.

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SYSTEMS
AYEYARWADY INTEGRATED RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PROJECT

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR

C1.4.8e-NATIONAL SOCIAL OFFICER

Duration of assignment: The Consultant will receive an annual full-time contract. The contract may be renewed on annual basis depending on Consultant performance and Project requirements.

General Scope of Services: Provide assist technical knowledge, contract management and policy advice related to the social safeguard aspects of the Project to the Project Director, Component Directors

1.General Information

The Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management Project (AIRBM) is a five-year development project (2015-2020) administered by the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR), Ministry of Transport and Communications, with credit from the World Bank. The objective of the project is help Myanmar develop the institutions and tools needed to enable informed decision making in the management of Myanmar's national water resources and to implement integrated river basin management on the Ayeyarwady, while immediately enhancing the river's productivity with "low/no regrets" investments in the hydro-meteorological observation system and services (to support agricultural productivity and water-related disaster risk management) and in navigation enhancements (to promote sustainable transportation) on the Ayeyarwady.

The AIRBM has three inter-related components with Component 1 aiming at developing institutions and tools needed for informed integrated river basin management; Component 2 delivering integrated hydro-meteorological warning and advisory services; and Component 3 enhancing navigation for trade and livelihood benefits.

2. Overview of Safeguard Management

According to the World Bank Safeguard Policy OP/BP 4.01, the project is considered as the category "A" type project due to its spatial extent, its focus on integrated river basin planning and the assessment of subsequent infrastructure investments; the civil works being carried out for the construction of office buildings in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw and navigation enhancement interventions such as dredging and river training civil works (Subprojects and

micro projects). Such implementation activities may generate site-specific environmental and social impacts and may result with resettlement. The Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) was developed by the DWIR/NWRC Secretariat for the project providing the overall ESIA process and safeguards policy requirements to be undertaken during project implementation once specific project interventions are known. The PMU- Safeguard Unit is the responsible unit for implementation of the ESMF and its provisions, whereas the day-to-day management of the prevention/mitigation activities will be overseen by the Component Management Units (CMUs). All environmental and social safeguard instruments including the ESIA reports and site specific ESMPs are required to adhere at the respective activity in line with the National EIA procedure and AIRBM ESMF. In line with the financing agreement, the planned activities of the project are also subject to social policies including OP/BP 4.12- Involuntary Resettlement, OP/BP 4.10 – Indigenous peoples and OP 4.11- Physical Cultural Resources.

3. Project Management Structure

Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR is the implementing agency of the AIRBM. Project Management Unit (PMU) is organized under DWIR and DG of DWIR has managerial and financial oversight of the Project.

The AIRBM Project Steering Committee (PSC): Previously, the National Water Resources Committee (NWRC) would provide strategic guidance to the AIRBM and receive regular updates on progress. For purposes of immediate project oversight, an AIRBM Project Steering Committee (PSC) was formed from the NWRC to review and advice on annual progress reports, work programs and key processes and outputs. The PSC was chaired by the Deputy Minister, MoTC, which consists of Director General of DWIR, Director General of DMH and Chairperson of the Advisory Group of NWRC.

Project Management Unit (PMU): A PMU has been established under the DWIR, and is led by a Project Director. The Project has three components and each component is led by the respective Component Director. The Project Director is responsible for project management and technical coordination, as well as procurement and financial management, monitoring and evaluation, and compliance with environmental and social safeguards for all project components. The PMU-Safeguard Unit specifically responsible for environmental and social safeguard. Financial management and procurement functions will be undertaken by existing staff of DWIR, with additional support from consultants under the project as needed.

4. Consultant Assignment Objectives and Scope

The Consultant will serve as the National Social Officer within the Safeguard Unit (PMU) of the AIRBM Project. The Consultant will assist to ensure the social sustainability of the Project in dealing with social aspects of the AIRBM Project under the guidance of the Senior Safeguard Specialist in coordination with Safeguard Unit team. National Social Officer will assist in undertaking and dealing with all social related requirements of AIRBM Project under Environmental and Social Management Framework and supervise all activities related to Environmental and Social Safeguards, as per Environmental and Social Management Framework of the project and World Bank safeguard requirements.

Specifically, the Consultant will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Assist and participate in determining and tackling social issues emerging during implementation of AIRBM Project, and preparation of relevant documents and reports.
- Supervise and monitor the social issues related requirements of AIRBM Project under the guidance of the Senior Safeguard Specialist;
- Assist in the preparation and implementation of adequate safeguards instruments (e.g. Terms of Reference, Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, Environmental and Social Management Plan, Resettlement Plans, Indigenous Peoples Plans) as per the Environmental and Social Management Framework of the project;
- Assist the Project Management Unit (PMU) in the preparation of relevant safeguard document (i.e.) Expression of Interest, Request for Proposal, Terms of Reference as needed
- Assist the Project Management Unit on stakeholder and community engagement, including grievance redress mechanism (GRM) establishment and work with the CMUs to ensure the effectiveness of the GRM;
- Assist the Project Management Unit in the design, preparation, and implementation of the Safeguard Training Program for the AIRBM, in coordination with World Bank Task Team,
- Provide technical inputs and quality control of Social Monitoring reports, including timely information on the implementation of Environmental and Social Management Plans and status of analytical work.
- Assist in preparation of the reports on the overall performance of the AIRBM project reports, including timely inform under the guidance of the Senior Safeguard Specialist;
- Assist the Project Management Unit and DWIR in organizing the workshops, conferences, press events, communication meetings and product documentations;
- Producing, editing and publishing of the content of information materials for press releases, information packages for public awareness and training materials on AIRBM and its implementation;
- Assist in the management and updating information and ensure the timely dissemination of the communication products;
- Any other relevant duties and assignment requested by the Project Director

5. Consultant Experience Requirements

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6. Administrative Arrangements

The assignment duration will be for 12 months, with the possibility of extension based on the performance appraisal and mutual willingness to continue with the Assignment. The assignment will be located in the DWIR office in Yangon and will include frequent travel to the project sites between Mandalay and Nyaung U.