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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
No. 2023-035

PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES (INDIVIDUAL) AS PROTECTED AREA (PA) SPECIALIST FOR EASTERN MINDANAO BIODIVERSITY CORRIDOR (EMBC) UNDER THE DENR-UNDP/GEF PROJECT ON "INTEGRATED APPROACH IN MANAGEMENT OF BIODIVERSITY CORRIDORS IN THE PHILIPPINES" OR BD CORRIDOR PROJECT

The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) intends to engage the services of an Individual Consultant as Protected Area (PA) Specialist.

The BMB-Bids and Awards Committee calls for the submission of documents for qualified individual consultants interested to bid for the requirement below, to wit:

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Protected Area (PA) Specialist	Twelve (12) Months	Php650, 000.00 (Inclusive of tax)

The documents for submission are:

1. Letter of intent;
2. Curriculum Vitae which includes the following:
 - Educational Background
 - Work experience, particularly related to scope of work
3. Sample of completed works related to the engagement in electronic copy.
4. PhilGEPS Registration
5. BIR Certificate of Registration
6. Omnibus Sworn Statement

Incomplete/non-submission of these requirements shall be grounds for disqualification from the procurement process.

For inquiries, please contact Mr. Ariel L. Erasga at Telephone No. 8924-6031 local 248/250. Interested applicants must submit the documents on or before 5:00pm, _____ to:

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

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I. Background

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), with funding from the Global Environment facility (GEF) and support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), is implementing the project entitled "**Integrated Approach in Management of Major Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines**" or **BD Corridor Project**. The Project aims to operationalize integrated management of biodiversity corridors to generate multiple benefits including effective conservation of globally threatened species and high conservation value forests, reduce deforestation and degradation and enhance local biodiversity-friendly livelihoods. This Project has four components, namely:

- Component 1: Effective coordination and governance framework for integrated ecosystem management in the Philippines biodiversity corridors system.
- Component 2: Application of integrated network design and management of biodiversity corridors to ensure continued stability and sustainability of their biological, ecosystem services and socio-economic conservation values.
- Component 3: Community-based sustainable use and management systems in the two pilot biodiversity corridor systems in the Philippines; and
- Component 4: Knowledge management, gender mainstreaming, learning, monitoring and evaluation.

A Protected Area Specialist will be engaged to meet the Project objective by addressing Project Results Framework (PRF) Indicator No. 7 (Management effectiveness of terrestrial protected areas within designated biological corridors supported by tenure security and improved resource access and sustainable use), and in particular lead and /or assist in the delivery of Output 2.3.

Under PRF Indicator No. 7, the targets are: 1) validate baseline METT scores of 13 PAs that are within the Eastern Mindanao and Mindoro Biodiversity Corridors (Table 1); 2) Average increase by at least 10 points in METT score from current baselines by mid-term (2024); and, 3) Average increase by at least 20 points in METT from current PAs baselines by end-of-project (2027).

The realization of this result is based on the assumptions that: a) development strategies and management plans will be officially approved by Provincial and Municipal governments with allocation of appropriate funding for their implementation; b) Provinces and Municipalities will take active part in developing the strategies and implementation using new knowledge and skills provided by the Project; c) local communities are convinced that critical habitats in their vicinities will benefit livelihoods and ecological security to them and they will participate in conservation

and restoration work; d) local community-based institutions will establish an effective institutional mechanism to facilitate conservation outcomes. The risks to achieving these results include: a) administrative/political changes that may undermine the implementation of the management plan strategies; b) lack of capacity in government and communities to meet obligations related to Project; c) conflicts between provincial, municipal and sector entities and local communities regarding management and access to natural resources that may undermine integrated planning approaches.

Under Output 2.3, the project will support the implementation of PA management measures in 13 PAs covering at least 300,000 hectares within the two corridors. This will enhance management effectiveness of these PAs (as measured by the METT tool) and ensure sustainability and improved habitat connectivity within the corridors. Following a network design, the relative importance and role of each of 13 PAs in the ecological functioning of the corridor will be defined, which will guide the configuration of the existing PAs. Management measures that will be implemented to include: a) Identification of conservation values within PAs in the corridors that will inform later decisions on management planning; b) Conduct of SEAMS; c) Preparation of new and updated protected area management and financial plans based on in-depth baseline establishment, as well as measures for resource mobilization; d) Capacity building and training of PA wardens and rangers to reduce human-wildlife conflict, improve enforcement and visitor management; e) Based on 5-year PA management plans, the development of annual operational plans for biodiversity conservation, soil and water conservation, fire management, restoration of degraded ecosystems through assisted natural regeneration, weed management, etc.; f) Support government efforts at defining restoration measures for habitat for critically endangered species such as *Bubalus mindorensis* and other species through habitat improvement measures, such as grassland management, reduction of pressures from domestic livestock, etc.; g) Development and implementation of MRVs (Measurable, reportable and verification targets) and protocols for monitoring of key threatened species and their habitats in PAs to inform management; h) Supporting the implementation of conservation management interventions within the PAs, including delineation of PA boundaries and management zoning, improvement of facilities and skills of the Protected Area staff and offices; and i) Strengthening law enforcement to address illegal hunting and monitor and enforce infringements to PA regimes.

II. Objective

The objective of this Consultancy is to provide advisory support and technical assistance to DENR in 1) validating baseline METT scores of 10 PAs that are within the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridors (EMBC) and, 2) Average increase by at least 10 points in METT score from current baselines by mid-term (2024). In addition, technical assistance will be provided in improving management effectiveness of 10 PAs within the EMBC, including facilitation in the formulation of updated PA management plans, capacity building for key staff in management planning, guidance for strengthening law enforcement, and resource mobilization.

III. Scope of Work

The scope of work of this Terms of Reference is beyond the optimum in-house capability of the procuring entity and is consistent with the Government's policy not to compete with the private sector as integrated in Item 2 of Annex "B" of the 2016 Implementing Rules and Regulation of RA 9184. The Consultant is only allowed to be engaged in one particular area.

Specifically, the scope of services is as follows:

1. Review BD Corridor Project Document and relevant Annexes, Management Effectiveness Assessment Reports (MEA), validated METT scores, Protected Area Management Plans and related plans of 10 protected areas in EMBC;
2. Assist DENR Regional Offices and PAMOs on the analysis of baseline METT scores and identify interventions and capacity-building activities to achieve increased METT scores by 2024.
3. Based on the METT Baseline Report and available materials from the BMB, organize and provide training on approaches related with IEM, SFM, SLM, BDFEs, PA financing, knowledge management, communication and gender mainstreaming, including capacity-building and training of PA wardens and rangers to reduce human-wildlife conflict, improve enforcement and visitor management and strengthening law enforcement to address illegal hunting and monitor and enforcement infringements and other training as needed.
4. Facilitate PA and financial planning processes based on the results of PA assessment, cluster conservation plans and integrated ecosystem management framework at the corridor level;
5. Take the lead in the updating of PA management plans, including PA financing plans and its annual operation plans in EMBC;
6. Provide advisory support for the design of partnership strategies with LGUs and other stakeholders and resource mobilization strategies, and support negotiation with potential investor per PA;
7. Provide recommendations for the strengthening of networking and KM among members of the network of PAs in Mindanao;
8. Coordinate with Project Management Units (EMBC, FMB, DA-BSWM) and Project Consultants, as may be necessary, on the review and finalization of outputs and deliverables; and,
9. Act as resource person during presentation of outputs and deliverables to NPB and TWG and related events.

IV. Deliverables

1. Inception Report
2. Technical report on consolidated Baseline METT Report for 10 PAs in EMBC that provides (i) situational analysis of the PAs (ii) capacity gaps and (iii) recommendations on improving PA capacities to meet PRF Indicator No. 7 and Output 2.3
3. Training reports for 10 PAs on approaches related with IEM, SFM, SLM, BDFEs, PA financing, knowledge management, communication and gender mainstreaming, including capacity-building and training of PA wardens and rangers to reduce human-wildlife conflict, improve enforcement and visitor management and strengthening law enforcement

- to address illegal hunting and monitor and enforcement infringements and other training as needed, and assessment/evaluation report on the effectiveness of the trainings conducted
4. Updated PAMP and PA Financing Plan of PAs in EMBC
 5. Proposed institutional mechanism and advisory inputs to LGU and other PAMB members on long term resource mobilization and support to negotiation for PA financing
 6. Advisory inputs in strengthening PA Network in Eastern Mindanao.
 7. Based on PA Assessment, submit State of the PA report for EMBC.
 8. Final report consolidating previously submitted reports including final version of the training manuals and guidelines (soft & 4 printed copies).

V. Qualifications and Requirements

1. At least Bachelor' degree in environment and natural resources management, public administration, and other related courses, Masteral degree is an advantage;
2. At least 5 years' experience in advising and/or managing protected areas;
3. Experience working with key lead implementing agencies including DENR, DA, NCIP and other government agencies related to the nature of engagement, and
4. Experience working with local government units and local communities related to the nature of engagement.

VI. Timetable

The Consultant is expected to deliver the outputs within 12 months.

VIII. Contract Price and Schedule of Payment

The approved budget for this Consultancy services is intended for professional fee only amounting to **Php 650,000.00**, and shall be paid in tranches based on the following:

Tranches	Specific Deliverables/Outputs	Percentage (%)	Amount
1 st Tranche	Submission and Acceptance of Inception Report which includes the following: 1. Specific activities to be conducted over the period of engagement, including methodology, timetable, and expected contribution to deliverables	15%	97,500.00

2 nd Tranche	<p>Submission and Acceptance of Technical Report which includes the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical report on consolidated Baseline METT Report for 10 PAs in EMBC that provides (i) situational analysis of the PAs (ii) capacity gaps and (iii) recommendations on improving PA capacities to meet PRF Indicator No. 7 and Output 2.3 2. Training reports for 10 PAs on approaches related with IEM, SFM, SLM, BDFEs, PA financing, knowledge management, communication and gender mainstreaming, including capacity-building and training of PA wardens and rangers to reduce human-wildlife conflict, improve enforcement and visitor management and strengthening law enforcement to address illegal hunting and monitor and enforcement infringements and other training as needed, and assessment/evaluation report on the effectiveness of the trainings conducted 	25%	162,500.00
3 rd Tranche	<p>Submission and Acceptance of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Updated PAMP and PA Financing Plan of PAs in EMBC 	40%	260,000.00
4 th Tranche	<p>Submission and Acceptance of Technical Report which includes the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed institutional mechanism and advisory inputs to LGU and other PAMB members on long term resource mobilization and support to negotiation for PA financing 2. Advisory inputs in strengthening PA Network in Eastern Mindanao. 3. State of the PA report 4. Final report consolidating previously submitted reports including final version of the training manuals and guidelines (soft & 	20%	130,000.00

	4 printed copies).		
		100%	650,000.00

VIII. Management and Reporting Arrangements

The Consultant shall be contracted by the BD Corridor Project through the DENR- Biodiversity Management Bureau and shall be under the direct supervision of the BD Corridor National Project Manager, in close coordination with the BMB-National Parks Division.

IX. Documentary Requirements

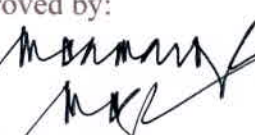
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