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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
No. 2023-048

PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES AS AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST FOR THE DENR-UNDP/GEF PROJECT ON INTEGRATED APPROACH IN MANAGEMENT OF MAJOR 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 Agricultural 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>
Agricultural Specialist	Six (6) months	P750, 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. Supporting documents and means of verification that will support qualifications reflected in the TOR (sample works, technical reports, others).
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:

The Chairperson
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Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

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**. 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.

Land degradation in the lowlands is a result of intensive cultivation with excessive external input and can be offset by proper crop and land management practices; while a more serious problem arises from land degradation in the uplands, which is primarily the result of soil erosion, consequently resulting in loss of topsoil and changes in the chemical, biological and physical endowments of the soil.

Mixed factors drive these changes including increases in human population and demand for food, fiber and other raw materials. Unsustainable agricultural practices on farmlands exacerbate different forms of land degradation such as soil fertility loss, declining productivity, and low soil organic carbon (SOC).

The Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Soils and Water Management (DA-BSWM) is the lead agency in promoting Sustainable Land Management (SLM). Part of this sustainable land management approach is the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Biodiversity Friendly Agricultural Practices (BDFAP).

During the BD Corridor project preparation, the DA was assessed using the UNDP Capacity Scorecard to determine the capacity and readiness in terms of project implementation. The strategic areas that were looked at are the capacities to 1) conceptualize and formulate policies, legislations, strategies and programs, 2) implement policies, legislations and programs, 3) engagement with and build consensus among stakeholders, 4) mobilize information and knowledge, and 5) monitor, evaluate, report and learn from various program innovations. The results of the evaluation needs improvement over the project implementation period.

II. Objective

One of the objectives of the project is to address degradation of agricultural lands in the corridors thru direct interventions such as promotion of SLM measures and biodiversity-friendly agricultural systems /practices. Thus, a consultant is needed to ensure the roll out of the BDFAPs guidelines, including the standards as stated in DENR-DA JAO 2021-01 in assessing and identifying BD Friendly Agricultural Practices (BDFAP), and updating or enhancing the same based on results of the roll-out. These guidelines and standards will assist field staff in identifying the locations of these BDFAP in agricultural lands including degraded agricultural lands, and to come up with protection strategies and mitigating measures. In addition, the Consultant will also assist DA in improving the level of capacity based on the UNDP Scorecard.

The Consultant will coordinate closely with DA-BSWM and DA Regional and Provincial counterparts in the conduct of orientation and consultation to assess and determine the applicability of the JAO 2021-01 guidelines and standards. In addition, the Consultant will assess the suitability and sustainability of these agricultural practices within the target communities to ensure adoption and replicability.

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.

Specifically, the scope of services is as follows:

1. Review BD Corridor Project Document and relevant Annexes, policies, programs, plans and related frameworks including institutional setup in engaging indigenous peoples/communities at the national and corridor level;
2. Coordinate and assist the DA-ATI in the roll out of training modules and conduct of trainings to DA offices that will improve implementation of its mandates, and incorporation of IEM framework and BD conservation, to increase the capacity scorecard;
3. Conduct orientation/training using existing guidelines and related standards on SLM to Department of Agriculture (DA), National Commission for Indigenous People (NCIP), DENR including its field offices and LGUs;

4. Identify entry points for Biodiversity friendly agriculture and other good agricultural practices in current DA programs and development of farm protocols for mainstreaming SLM at the corridor level;
5. Review Protected Area Management Plan (PAMP), Community Resources Management Plan (CRMP), Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP) and other management plans within the corridors and identify areas for integration and enhancing good agricultural practices to promote SLM;
6. Consult with LGUs on the status and level of integration of SLM into Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) to ensure applicability and sustainability including possible technical and financial support to local farmers, by including SLM in the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) and Annual Investment Plan (AIP);
7. Identify potential and improvement of existing incentive system for local farmers adopting the SLM and possible source of funding;
8. Act as Resource person during presentation of outputs/deliverables to National Project Board (NPB) and Technical Working Group (TWG), and other events, as necessary;
9. Coordinate with other project consultants and other offices, as maybe necessary, in the review and finalization of outputs and deliverables, and
10. Perform other related tasks as may assigned by the National Project Director and National Project Manager.

IV. Outputs and Deliverables

1. Inception Report;
2. Training modules for increasing DA capacity scorecard
3. Reports on trainings conducted for DENR, DA, NCIP, LGUs and other partner agencies on SLM and related guidelines;
4. Lists of location of SLM areas including tenurial instruments, farmers, PO/IPO profile, current activities and other relevant information in setting up the SLM Database;
5. Proposed procedures in the integration and mainstreaming of SLM into PAMP, CRMP, ADSDPP and other local plans;
6. Proposed strategy (incentive systems, etc.) for mainstreaming SLM into CLUP, CDP, AIP and the possible institutional arrangement between LGUs and farmer groups.

V. Qualifications and Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree in agricultural system, forestry, natural resources management and other related courses;
2. At least 3 years' experience in good agricultural practices, agricultural development, managing rainfed /upland agriculture programs and other natural resources management;
3. At least 3 years of experience working with different levels of LGUs particularly on Agriculture and NRM governance matters
4. Experience working with IP, upland communities, farmers group and with key lead implementing agencies including DENR, DA, NCIP, and NGO/CSO related to good agricultural practices, agricultural development and other natural resources management.

VI. Timetable

The Consultant is expected to deliver the outputs within six (6) months after acceptance of Notice to Proceed (NTP)

VII. Contract Price and Schedule of Payment

The approved budget for this Consultancy services is equivalent to **PhP 750,000.00** which shall be paid in tranches based on the following:

Tranches	Specific Deliverables/Outputs	Percentage (%)	Amount (PhP)
1 st Tranche	Submission and Acceptance of Inception Report which includes the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Specific activities to be conducted over the period of engagement, including methodology, timetable, and expected contribution to deliverables	15%	112,500.00
2 nd Tranche	Submission and Acceptance of Progress Report which includes the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Training modules for increasing DA capacity scorecard2. Reports on trainings conducted for DENR, DA, NCIP, LGUs and other partner agencies on SLM and other standards;	40%	300,000.00
3 rd Tranche	Submission and Acceptance of Progress Report which includes the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Maps showing the location of SLM areas including tenorial instruments, farmers, PO/IPO profile, current activities and other relevant information in setting up the SLM Database;2. Proposed procedures in the integration and mainstreaming of SLM into PAMP, CRMP, ADSDPP and other local plans	30%	225,000.00
4 th Tranche	Submission and Acceptance of Final Report which includes the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Proposed strategy (incentive systems, etc.) for mainstreaming BDFAP into CLUP, CDP, AIP and the possible institutional arrangement between LGUs and farmer	15%	112,500.00

	groups 2. Final report consolidating previously submitted reports		
		100%	750,000.00

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-Biodiversity Policy and Knowledge Management Division.

IX. Documentary Requirements

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Please send application not later than _____ to:

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Approved by:


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Assistant Secretary for International Affairs
 and in concurrent capacity as OIC BMB Director