



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
No. 2024-037

**PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES AS ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
(ENR) PLANNER FOR THE UPDATING OF THE DENR 2021-2040 ENR FRAMEWORK PLAN AND
FORMULATION OF ENR REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDELINE**

The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through the BD Corridor Project intends to engage the services of an individual consultant for the project "Procurement of Consultancy Services as Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Planner for the Updating of the DENR 2021-2040 ENR Framework Plan and Formulation of ENR Regional Planning Guideline."

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

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Individual Consultant	Six (6) months	P800,000.00 (Inclusive of tax)

The documents for submission are:

1. Letter of Intent;
2. Curriculum Vitae to include the following:
 - a) Educational Background;
 - b) Work experience, particularly related to scope of work.
3. Sample of completed works related to engagement in electronic copy;
4. PHILGEPS Certificate of Registration;
5. BIR Certificate of Registration;
6. Omnibus Sworn Statement (duly signed and notarized)

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

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Rowena F. Bolinas at Telephone No. 9246031 local 248/251 and 8925-8948. Interested applicants must submit the documents on or before 5:00pm, _____ to:

JUL 29 2024

The Chairperson

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES AS ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (ENR) PLANNER FOR THE UPDATING OF THE DENR 2021-2040 ENR FRAMEWORK PLAN AND FORMULATION OF ENR REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDELINE

1.0 Background

On 26 November 2020, then DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu approved the 2021-2040 Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Framework Plan, a long-term plan built upon the pillars of strengthened resilience of natural ecosystems and adaptive capacities of ENR-dependent communities, sustainable utilization of natural resources, and improved environmental quality. The Framework Plan lays down measures, directions, and strategies to manage the emerging issues in climate change, natural disasters, poverty, COVID 19, among others. It highlights the use of advanced technologies such as Geographic Information System (GIS), Remote Sensing (RS), and the principle of Integrated Ecosystems Management (IEM). It is intended to guide the Bureaus, attached agencies, and regional offices.

Under the Marcos administration, the DENR has set its strategic thrusts and priorities consistent with the pronouncement of the President during his 2022 State of the Nation Address regarding the preservation of the environment and mitigation of impacts of climate change, 8-point socio-economic agenda pursuing green and blue economy, and 2023-2028 Philippine Development Plan (PDP). These include the following: 1) adopt climate risk lens in national planning and policies, 2) increase forest cover, 3) conserve protected areas and biodiversity resources, 4) improve air and water quality and waste management, 5) ensure water security and resilience in high-water stressed areas, 6) sustainably and responsibly manage mineral resources, and 7) promote effective land management and governance.

Further, the ENR resilience agenda considers the alignment and linkage between the global frameworks on Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement, the New Urban Agenda, and Kunming Montreal Biodiversity Framework, among others.

In addition, the DENR enhances its approaches in ENR management by integrating disaster risk reduction with climate change adaptation, water and energy security, and biodiversity, among others. This requires breaking out of institutional and policy silos to foster synergies, minimize trade-offs across sectors, and address transboundary and long-term impacts of policies and actions. Thus, employing innovative science and evidence-based decision making, risk-informed planning, IEM, engaging local governments, the private sector and the academe for participatory ENR governance are critical.

With these developments, strategic thrusts, and priorities, the DENR, through the Policy and Planning Service (PPS) deems it imperative to update the 2021-2040 ENR Framework.

The DENR-PPS has sought the support of the DENR-UNDP/GEF Project on Integrated Approach to the Management of Major Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines or BD Corridor Project in

updating the ENR framework and provide inputs in updating sectoral plans and the regional midterm planning guideline.

The BD Corridor 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. An effective coordination and governance framework for IEM in the Philippines, and in the biodiversity corridors system is needed to ensure continued stability and sustainability of biological, ecosystem services and socio-economic conservation values.

2.0 Objective

The objective of this Consultancy Service is to update the 2021-2040 ENR Framework Plan to align with the strategic thrusts, priorities and new directions in the context of environment and natural resource management and resilience.

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.

3.0 Key Tasks of the Consultant

The Consultant shall:

- 1) Review and assessment of the ENR Framework Plan, and ensure that the updating is aligned to the President's Directives, PDP 2023-2028, 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda, and Strategic Thrusts and Priorities of the DENR Secretary, Outcomes of the Multi- Stakeholder Forum conducted from 2022-2023, and related national, regional and global frameworks on sustainable development;
- 2) Review of sectoral and master plans of various DENR Agencies and Field Offices to identify areas for integration of the ENR Framework and recommend strategies for planning and plan formulation
- 3) Provide inputs/assistance in the development of ENR planning guidelines;
- 4) Based on sectoral review, provide inputs in the updating of the ENR Framework Plan
- 5) Assist the DENR in communicating the enhanced ENR Framework to secure consensus and adoption at the regional and field offices level;
- 6) Act as Resource Person during presentation of outputs/deliverables to DENR Exe-Com and relevant bodies; and
- 7) Perform other related tasks as may be assigned by the PPS Director, National Project Director and National Project Manager of the BD Corridor Project.

4.0 Expected Outputs and Deliverables

The key outputs are:

- Inception Report

- Report on the technical assistance provided in the review and updating of the ENR Framework
- Report on technical review of sectoral and master plans, and recommended strategies for the updating of the ENR Framework
- Report on technical inputs provided in the development of ENR planning guidelines and updating of the ENR Framework plan
- Report on the technical assistance provided in communicating the enhanced ENR Framework to regional and field offices
- Reports on Technical Assistance/Inputs provided for the Regional Planning Guideline
- Final report consolidating all previously submitted reports

5.0 Qualifications and Requirements

- 1) Bachelor's degree in environment and natural resources management, social sciences, public administration and governance, and other related courses, masteral degree is an advantage.
- 2) At least 5 years' experience in planning and managing NRM, Urban Planning, institutional development and governance programs
- 3) Experience working with government agencies like DENR, DA, NCIP, DILG, DHSUD and LGUs in developing framework and guidelines for institutional development mechanisms and strengthening of programs for environmental protection and governance (sample outputs should be provided/submitted)

6.0 Duration and Contract Amount

The work is expected to be completed intermittently over a period of six (6) months, effective upon signing of Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed and Contract, with a contract amount of **Eight Hundred Thousand Pesos (PhP 800,000.00)**

The indicative timeline is shown:

Outputs/Deliverables	Tranches	Amount	Schedules
1. Inception Report	15%	PhP 120,000.00	After signing of contract and submission and acceptance of Inception Report
2. Report on the technical assistance provided in the review and updating of the ENR Framework	30%	PhP 240,000.00	Upon submission and acceptance of enhanced ENR Framework and Reports on consultations conducted
3. Report on technical review of sectoral and master plans, and recommended strategies			

for the updating of the ENR Framework			
4. Report on technical inputs provided in the development of ENR planning guidelines and updating of the ENR Framework plan 5. Report on the technical assistance provided in communicating the enhanced ENR Framework	35%	PhP 280,000.00	Upon submission and acceptance of reports on technical assistance in communicating enhance ENR Framework and Reports on assistance provided in the updating of sectoral plans
6. Technical inputs to the Regional Mid-term planning Guideline 7. Final report consolidating the previously submitted reports	20%	PhP 160,000.00	Upon submission and acceptance of report on assistance provided in the updating of Regional Mid-term planning guidelines and final completion report on deliverables

7.0 Institutional Arrangements

The Consultant shall work in close coordination with the DENR. Within the DENR, the Undersecretary for Planning and Policy will provide oversight and advice and designate a Focal Point and key officials from the DENR-PPS, Bureaus, Attached Agencies, and concerned Service and Executive Directors who will serve as counterparts in updating the ENR Framework Plan. The DENR Focal Point shall facilitate the Consultants' access to information and materials and organize meetings and workshops, including presentations to DENR Senior Officials. The DENR shall form a Technical Working Group to serve as the technical counterpart, providing inputs and reviewing the outputs. The Undersecretary for Planning and Policy of the DENR shall endorse the acceptance of Consultant's outputs to the DENR Secretary.

The ENR Framework Plan shall be updated through a consultative and participatory approach to

ensure support and inputs from the concerned offices are considered. A work plan/timeline/Gantt chart shall be developed at the beginning of the assignment to set key milestones and ensure timely completion.

8.0 Budgetary Requirements and Funding Source

The DENR shall provide funding for logistical requirements such as venue, meals, and transportation for workshops and other related activities, while the DENR-UNDP/GEF BD Corridor Project shall provide technical assistance and shoulder the cost for the engagement of Consultancy Services

9.0 Documentary Requirements


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Please send application not later than _____ to:

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