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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
No. 2024-043

PROCUREMENT OF THE SERVICES OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS FOR THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING PROJECT

The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through the ABS project intends to engage the services of an individual consultant on Environmental and Social Safeguards for the Access and Benefit-Sharing Project.

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

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Individual Consultant	Five (5) months	P650,000.00 (Inclusive of tax)

The documents for submission are:

1. Letter of Intent;
2. Curriculum Vitae which includes the following
 - a. Educational background
 - b. Relevant work experiences
3. At least two (2) sample documentation works in electronic copy;
4. Fully Accomplished Personal Data Sheet (PDS) with a recent passport size picture (CS -Form No. 212, revised 2017) which can be downloaded at www.csc.gov.ph;
5. Clear copy of Diploma/Transcript of Records/TOR;
6. PHILGEPS Certificate of Registration;
7. BIR Certificate of Registration; and
8. Notarized Omnibus Sworn Statement.

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



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For inquiries, please contact Mr. Anthony Foronda at Telephone No. 9246031 local 222/ 0953-760-1979. Interested applicants must submit the documents on or before 5:00pm, _____ to:

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The Chairperson

Bids and Awards Committee

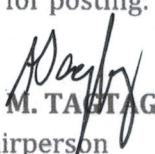
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Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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A. Background

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) with support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) is implementing a six-year project, *Implementing the National Framework on Access and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge in the Philippines (ABS Project)*. It aims to strengthen the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol (NP) in the Philippines through strengthening the national Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) framework (Component 1), building national and local capacities (Component 2), and developing critical experience in ABS agreements (Component 3). The project seeks to increase economic opportunity and biodiversity conservation for local communities and indigenous peoples stemming from fair and equitable sharing of biodiversity benefits. Further, the project will develop bio-products from local genetic resources of Banaba (*Lagerstroemia speciosa*) in Region 3 and Pili (*Canarium ovatum* and *Canarium luzonicum*) in Region 5.

A key outcome under Component 3 is the negotiation of at least one ABS agreement. An ABS agreement compliant with the *Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization* is one that secured Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) and Prior Informed Consent (PIC) from the providers such as Indigenous People/ Indigenous Cultural Communities and Local Communities (IPLCs); and negotiated a Mutually Agreed Terms (MAT) that provides for the fair and equitable sharing of both monetary and non-monetary benefits for the use of the genetic resources and its associated traditional/indigenous knowledge. ABS agreements are seen as unique opportunities for enterprises and industries to participate directly in inclusive development.

As part of the pre-implementation activities of the Project, the DENR-BMB with support from UNDP intends to hire an individual consultant on Environmental and Social Safeguards to assist the ABS Project Management Unit in ensuring implementation of project activities are UNDP Social and Environmental Standards compliant.

A. Scope of Work, Detailed Tasks, and/or Expected Outputs

The ESSC will:

- a) Provide overall guidance and facilitation in developing/implementing the project safeguard-related plans and Indigenous Peoples Framework;
- b) Ensure that planned and ongoing ABS Project activities at the national and local levels are aligned to the updated UNDP SES, the ABS Project's UNDP SES procedure, the Environmental Social Management Framework, Gender Analysis and Gender Action Plan, and Indigenous Peoples Framework, among others;
- c) Recommend risk mitigating processes that follow SESA principles;
- d) Review and provide recommendations on project products/deliverables and services to be consistent with the ABS Project's UNDP SES procedure;
- e) Monitor and update regularly the SESP and risk register, and other project reports in coordination with PMU and UNDP-Philippines;
- f) Assist the Project in implementing environmental, social, and risk management measures; and
- g) Assist the National Project Director/Manager in other tasks required of the ABS Project.

Specifically, the following tasks and expected outputs:

1. Plan, prepare, implement and participate, control, and close relevant scope of work for the duration covered in this contract;
2. List specific details on items discussed, actions or ways forward made, and contact details of person/s engaged with and/or to be contacted; and
3. Provide recommendations, observe good practices, and list lessons learned realized during the execution of assigned tasks and/or activities.

B. Deliverable

1. Submit a month-end report of the above-mentioned tasks in a Word editable file including relevant photographs, highlights of meetings, recordings, and attendance sheets (saved in Google Drive and shared with phl.abs.project@gmail.com).

C. Minimum Qualification Requirements

1. Graduate of, at least Bachelor's degree related to environmental management and development, community development, or related disciplines;
2. With at least 5 years relevant experience in environmental and social safeguards management;
3. At least 2 years responsibility on developing and implementing plans aligned to UNDP SES, SESP, and related measures;
4. Has the ability to work effectively with government representatives, development partners and/or local communities;

5. Good knowledge on environmental and social safeguards relevant to the ABS project;
6. Proficient in using various MS Office applications and other IT-related tools and programs;
7. Must be a Filipino citizen and resides in the Philippines.
8. Must have demonstrated experience in writing, editing, and documentation of consultations, meetings, workshops, or conferences.
9. Must have experience documenting interviews and focus group discussions among Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities;
10. Fluent in speaking and writing in Filipino and English. Fluency in other local language in either Region 3 or 5 other than Filipino/Tagalog would be an advantage; and
11. Knowledge on Nagoya Protocol, and/or experience in Access and Benefit-Sharing would be an advantage.

D. Budget and Reporting Schedule

The consultancy service shall be for a period of five (5) months, with a monthly consultancy fee of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (Php130,000.00)** to cover tax, preparation work, attendance to the activities, official meeting and travel costs (within Metro Manila), and packaging and delivery of expected outputs for the duration of five (5) months (August to 31 December 2024). The payment shall be made upon submission and acceptance of deliverables as indicated above. Processing of payment will be done via DENR-BMB and direct payment will be made by UNDP-Philippines.

Expenses incurred by the individual consultant such as transportation (from BMB to project sites and vice versa), food, and hotel accommodation for the duration of official ABS Project activities shall be charged against the ABS Project, subject to usual accounting rules and regulations.

Interested applicants should submit the following to the undersigned on or before: _____

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8. Omnibus Sworn Statement
 - a. Notarized OSS should be complied with after the award of the contract but before payment pursuant to item 6.3 of GPPB 09-2020

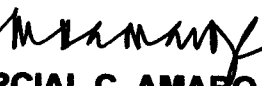
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Please send application not later than five (5) days upon approval of this requirement:

THE CHAIRPERSON

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