



Republic of Liberia
West Africa Agricultural Transformation Program (WAATP)
Ministry of Agriculture
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Consulting Services: RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A RESETTLEMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK (RPF) FOR THE WEST AFRICA AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM (WAATP) FOR LIBERIA IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: LOFA, NIMBA, GRAND GEDEH, MARGIBI, BONG, CAPE MOUNT, BOMI AND RIVERGEE.

Request for Expression of Interest

1. The Government of Liberia has received a loan from the World Bank toward the cost of the West Africa Agricultural Transformation Program (WAATP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for **Recruiting the services of a Consultant to develop a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) of the West Africa Agricultural Transformation Program (WAATP) for Liberia in the following Counties: Lofa, Nimba, Grand Gedeh, Margibi, Bong, Cape Mount, Bomi and RiverGee.**

2. The objective of this assignment is to establish a comprehensive framework for regulatory policy for involuntary resettlement and/or compensation of population affected by the project activities in conformity with World Bank safeguards for improved agricultural productivity and health of the people in Liberia.

The project does not envisage land transaction, destruction of the surroundings and environment of the populations, nor their expropriation a priori. But, these situations could happen during the implementation of the WAATP. Thus, to manage potential constraints, it is proper to define a global policy framework for the protection, the compensation of the populations affected by the project activities (abandon of assets and properties, loss of access to the properties and the natural resources, loss of sources of income or livelihoods).

3. The CORAF/WECARD through Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are: description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate experience and qualification- The Consultant is expected to be a Specialist of social sciences (Sociologist, Geographer, Jurist, Economist, or other equivalent diploma) of post-university level (at least Bachelor degree plus 5 years' experience in environmental and social impact study, with at least three (03) studies conducted in relation related to the population resettlement policy framework in a country in sub-Saharan Africa. The consultant should to be familiarized with documents related to social safeguard policies of the World Bank, and should make sure that the work is carried out according to all provisions specified in these documents, specially the PO4.12 on Involuntary Resettlement. The Consultant should equally have:

- a good command of operational and procedural requirements of the World Bank in terms

of environmental and social studies;

- considerable knowledge of environmental standards and regulations in countries listed as well as knowledge of legislation of Regional Agriculture Investment Program (ECOWAP) and West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) related to the population resettlement.

4. 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 January 2011 and revised July 1, 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: relationship with Borrower's staff: Consultants (including their experts and other personnel, and sub-consultants) that have close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower (or of the project implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the loan) who are directly or indirectly involved in any part of: (i) the preparation of the TOR for the assignment (ii) the selection process for the contract, or (iii) the supervision of such contract may not be awarded a contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the contract.

5. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultant Selection (ICS)** Method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

6. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **9:00 to 5:00** hours.

7. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person by February 5, 2018.

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