



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

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 conduct an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) in the following Counties: Lofa, Nimba, Grand Gedeh, Rivergee, Margibi, Bong, Cape Mount and Bomi.**

2. The objective of this assignment is to contribute to the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the WAATP and to the preparation of its Environmental and Social Management Framework. More specifically it will review the national context of Liberia and establish technical instruments for assessing, analyzing and evaluating environmental and social impacts of research and development activities in the country. Subsequently the study will define/suggest appropriate mitigation measures by avoiding, eliminating, or reducing such adverse environmental and social impacts.

3. The Ministry of Agriculture through CORAF/WECARD 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 skills 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 with a post-university diploma (at least Baccalaureate+5), in environmental sciences (Biology, Ecology, forestry, or a relevant field related to Social and Environmental Impact assessment). He/she should have at least 5 years of experience in environmental and social impact assessment, with at least three (03) studies conducted in relation with the current mission in a country in sub-Saharan Africa. The consultant should 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, specifically the PO4.01 on Environmental Assessment.

The Consultant should equally:

- 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 Liberia as well as knowledge of legislation of ECOWAS related to safeguards; A knowledge of the agricultural

sector, infrastructure projects and nutrition will be an advantage.

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 January 30, 2018.

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