



Republic of Liberia
Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project
(STAR-P)

Ministry of Agriculture
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Consulting Services: RECRUITMENT OF A FIRM TO CONDUCT BASELINE STUDY FOR THE SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION AND AGRIBUSINESS REVITALIZATION PROJECT IN LOFA, BOMI, CAPE MOUNT, NIMBA AND MARGIBI COUNTIES.

Request for Expression of Interest

1. The Government of Liberia has applied for financing to the World Bank toward the cost of the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Rehabilitation Project (STAR-P) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services for **Recruiting the Services of a Firm to conduct Baseline Study for the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project in Bomi, Cape Mount, Margibi, Nimba and Lofa Counties.**

2. The scope of assignment includes, but not limited to the establishment of a baseline for project evaluation and impact monitoring. The Firm will collect information from both treatment and Control or Project and Non-Project Communities. From the Baseline data, the Consultant will set targets per crop from the overall target that has already been set by the project. The Consulting Firm will also collect information in four (4) communities in each district in the target counties (Lofa, Bomi, Cape Mount, Margibi and Nimba) including one (1) project and non-project community.

The Consulting Firm will be responsible for developing enumerator-training materials based on the survey instrument, which will be reviewed for comments by the Project Implementation Unit before embarking on enumerator training. The Firm will determine the number of enumerators and the enumeration time for the survey within the agreed delivery date. The survey will be completed, data entry and data quality checks undertaken and reported to the PIU.

3. The Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and at least five years relevant experience to perform the Services and an indication of performing similar assignment. The shortlisting criteria are: **description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among key staff, methodology in achieving the desire objectives of the assignment, specific experience relevant to the assignment and experience in the region.**

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. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS)** Method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

6. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **9:00 to 17:00** hours.

7. Expressions of interest must be delivered in person or by email to the address below by **September 21, 2017**

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