

Republic of Liberia Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P) Ministry of Agriculture <u>Credit No:</u> 160945



<u>Consulting Services</u>: RECRUITMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT TO PROVIDE EVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARD SERVICES FOR THE SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION AND AGRIBUSINESS REVITALIZATION PROJECT (STAR-P).

Request for Expression of Interest

1. The Government of Liberia has received a loan from 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 an Individual Consultant to Provide Environmental and Social Safeguard services for the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P).**

2. The scope of the assignment includes but not limited to:

- i) The Environmental and Social Safeguards Officer will coordinate all environmental and social safeguards activities under the project, and
- ii) Take responsibility for the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF).
- iii) Provide safeguards reports, coordinating and supervising the activities of sub-project Operators and specialist consultants,
- iv) Organizing safeguards capacity building and awareness, and coordinating knowledge sharing activities.

3. The Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible Individual 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. The shortlisting criteria are: description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate experience and qualification- The Consultant must have <u>demonstrated experience</u> as an environmental and safeguard officer for Bank-financed project either locally or internationally. Having experience in the implementation of ESMF/RPF for similar type of project will be an asset. The Consultant must have at least a Master's degree in Environmental Science, Natural Resource Management or in related fields with a minimum five years experience, or a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science, The applicant must be a Liberia National.

^{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 **16:00** hours.

7. Expressions of interest must be delivered via email or in person to the address below on or before October 30, 2017 as follows:

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8. For more immediate information regarding this procurement notice, interested parties should please visit the MOA Website Link: <u>www.moa.gov.lr</u> and click the Career Opportunities & Bids Link.