



MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



RURAL ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (RETRAP)

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Assignment Title: CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT STUDIES, DESIGN AND PREPARATION OF TENDER DOCUMENT FOR AGRO LOGISTICS - RETRAP

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The Government of Liberia has received a support from the World Bank, for the Rural Economic Transformation Project (RETRAP). The RETRAP seeks to increase income of rural poor households through sustainable agricultural livelihood enhancements and improved rural access and agricultural marketing infrastructure services. As its focus, the project will support the value chains of cassava, Rubber, Poultry & Pig husbandry and Vegetables. The project will be implemented in 11 of the 15 counties over a period of five years.

The project development objective is to increase income of rural poor households through sustainable agricultural livelihood enhancements and improved rural access to agricultural marketing infrastructure services.

The project addresses important challenges to developing agri-food value chains in Liberia. These include: (i) weak capacity of support institutions for delivery of agribusiness services; (ii) poor organization of smallholder farmers; (ii) low agriculture productivity due to limited access to improved technologies, modern inputs, and advisory services; (iii) weak access to markets due to inadequate post-harvest, transport, and marketing infrastructure; and (iv) limited private sector investment in production, processing capacity and value-added activities. To address these challenges, the project will contribute to creating long-term economic opportunities for value chain actors by applying a three-fold approach: (i) strengthen critical institutions overseeing the development of the sector; (ii) intervene at various level of the supply chain via capacity building and investment subprojects focused on improving agriculture productivity and resilience of the food system to climate change, thus enhancing market access; and (iii) improvement of rural access and agricultural marketing through the upgrading of roads, construction of short-span critical cross-drainage structures, and improvement of agro-logistics centers.

In line with the specific objectives identified above, RETRAP has four (4) Components

1. Component 1: Improving the enabling environment for agribusiness development in Liberia;
2. Component 2: Enhancing Competitiveness and Market Access through Productive Alliances;
3. Component 3: Agri-markets and road Infrastructure Investments; and
4. Component 4: Project coordination and Management and Contingency Emergency Relief.

The objective of the consultancy are as follows:

1. Conduct studies to determine the status of existing and needed agri-markets along a major corridor (Ganta – Zwedru) and in other project counties. The studies will provide

an overview and analysis of the existing infrastructure- structural and physical conditions. The studies should incorporate design standards ensuring their resilience to the main local risk factor (geophysical conditions and climate change) and the Government of Liberia design standard for infrastructure construction

2. The studies should include the identification of existing feeder roads and short-span critical cross-drainage structures in project counties. The spot improvements will include the construction of river crossing structures, with specific focus on rural feeder roads that link high volume production areas to markets

The consultancy to conduct studies, design and preparation of tender document for agro logistics covers the period from 25 November 2021 to 24 January 2022.

The Program Management Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing these Services. Interested firms must provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.).

The shortlisting criteria, based on Qualitative Assessment methodology, are:

- a) Core Business of the firm and Number of Years in Business
- b) Technical and Managerial Organization of the Firm
- c) Description of Similar Assignments
- d) Experience in Similar Conditions
- e) Availability of Appropriate Skills among Staff or within the firm

The attention of interested individual Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” dated July 2016, revised November 2017, August 2018 and January 2020, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Please refer to *paragraph 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations* on conflict of interest related to this assignment which is available on the Bank’s website at <http://projects-beta.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/products-and-services/brief/procurement-new-framework>

A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the **Consultants Qualification Selection (CQS)** method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below or by e-mail by 29 November 2021 @ 17:00hours local time.

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