







WORLD BANK/IFAD PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION UNIT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION AND AGRIBUSINESS REVITALIZATION PROJECT (STAR-P)

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Request for Expression of Interest

Credit No.: 63600 Project No.: P160945

Name of Assignment: Policy, Regulatory Compliance and Programme and Project

Management Advisor

Reference No: LR-PMU-MOA-418474-CS-INDV

Location of Assignment: Office of the Minister of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture,

Ministerial Complex, Monrovia, Liberia

Contract Duration: 24 months with option to extend based on satisfactory performance

Reports to: Minister of Agriculture

Recruitment: National

Background

The Government of Liberia received funding support of US\$48 Million from the World Bank and International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) for implementation of the Smallholder Agriculture Transformation and Agribusiness Revitalization Project (STAR-P). The STAR Project is managed by the Ministry of Agriculture and has a project development objective of increasing agricultural productivity and promoting commercialization of smallholder farmers through productive linkage between the farmers and the private agribusiness firms in selected value chains. The project is being implemented in Liberia over a period of five years, and consists of the following three components: Institutional Capacity Building of Farmers, State and Non-State Organizations, Financial & Technical Assistance for Productivity Enhancement; and Project Management, Monitoring & Evaluation. At its focus, and in compliance with the fulfilment of the Liberia Agriculture Sector Investment Plan (LASIP 2), the project will support the value chains of Rice, oil palm and Horticulture in 9 of the 15 counties.

Scope of Services

The Policy, Regulatory Compliance, Program and Project Management Advisor (PMA) shall be the head of policy, regulatory compliance, program and project management advisory operations in the office of the Minister and shall work closely with the project management and implementation teams in implementing and managing the agreed upon Project Implementation arrangements as well as assist in the supervision of the MOA's program management compliance activities within the PIUs and the central MOA.

The Ministry of Agriculture now invites eligible individual consultants to indicate their interest in performing the Services. Interested Individual Consultants should provide <u>updated Curriculum</u> <u>Vitae (CV) and relevant documents</u> indicating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria include the following:

- ✓ Master's degree in Project Management, Public Policy, Public Administration and international development, managerial economics and related areas;
- ✓ At least Four years' professional experience in public policy, program and project management, regulatory compliance, with at least two (2) years public service experience in project management, agricultural sector, food security, and labor economics;
- ✓ Thorough understanding of the following:
 - Public service experience in project management, agricultural sector, food security, and labor economics
 - Programme and project management
 - Public policy, regulatory compliance and strategic management
 - Results-based management
 - Conventional project management software (Microsoft Project) for project management and reporting purposes
 - Report Writing and Computer Skills (MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Email)
 - Hands-on and action-oriented approach;
 - Strong written and verbal English language communications skills;
- ✓ Experience working with national and international NGOs.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website:

a) https://moa.gov.lr/document/vacancies-procurement-notices | Ministry of Agriculture (www. moa.gov.lr)

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, and August 2018, 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

An Individual Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Individual Consultant Selection** (**ICS**) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Expressions of interest must be submitted electronically in a format that cannot be altered (pdf format is preferred) to the email address below by e-mail by 23rd April 2024 @ 5:00pm local time.

Note: All applications MUST be submitted to the below email address

Galah Toto National Program Coordinator) Project Implementation Unit (PIU) Ministry of Agriculture

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