

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA



SMALLHOLDER TREE CROPS REVITIALIZATION SUPPORT PROJECT (STCRSP)

CREDIT NO. 51010

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

Assignment Title: Project Impact Evaluation

EOI Reference No: LR-PMU-MOA-73286-CS-CQS -EOI

The Government of the Republic of Liberia has received financing from the International Development Association of the World Bank toward the cost of the Smallholder Tree Crop Revitalization Support Project (STCRSP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the consulting services. The project development objective is to increase access to finance, inputs, technologies and markets for smallholder tree crop farmers in Liberia, and to develop a long term development program for the tree crops sector.

In line with the specific objectives identified above, STCRSP has three Components:

- Component 1: Smallholder Tree Crops Revitalization
- Component 2: Institutional Capacity Building and Preparation of Future Large Scale Tree Crop Development Program
- Component 3: Project Coordination and Management

The consulting services ("the Services") is to increase access to finance, inputs, technologies and markets for smallholder tree crop farmers in Liberia, and to develop a long term development program for the tree crops sector. The study would cover 6 project Counties and all key components and the sub components of the project. This impact Evaluation will review the STCRSP – Pilot phase taking into account, but not limited to the (a) sustainability, effectiveness and efficiency of the institutional development and implementation arrangements; (b) participation and empowerment of women & poor; (c) impact and effectiveness of FOs/Cooperatives activities (capacity building, community infrastructure and livelihood support activities) including Long Term Credit and Matching Grant.

The study will highlight changes that have taken place and identify outcomes of the project in light of the project interventions. Since the project outcomes, in particular, would depend on a number of factors, some within the control of the project and some outside the project, it is necessary to estimate the 'net effect' of the project after taking into account the non-project interventions as well.

The assessment will cover the following thematic areas:

- 1. In-depth analysis on PDOs / Household impact survey
- 2. Community level thematic and sustainability assessment and lessons learnt

- 3. Interconnectivity assessment
- 4. Program sustainability and National Plan/Policy level convergence

This consultancy implementation period is from 06 October 2018 to 05 November 2018.

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 Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's <u>Guidelines</u>: <u>Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011</u>, and revised July 2016 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Consultants will be selected in accordance with the <u>Consultant's Qualification Selection (CQS)</u> method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 9:00am to 4:00pm local Liberian time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below by e-mail by 17 September 2018 @ 4:00pm local time and mention "Project Impact Evaluation".

Deadline for Submission: 17 September 2018 @ 4:00pm local time.

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