



## INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

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Date: 15 October 2018

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**Country:** Myanmar

**Description of the assignment:** National - EIA Translator and Facilitation Specialist

**Duty Station:** Naipyitaw

**Period of assignment/services:** 2 months (1 Nov 2018 to 31 Dec 2018)

Proposal should be submitted to the Procurement Unit, UNDP Myanmar, No. 6 Natmauk Road, Tamwe, Yangon or by email to [bids.mm@undp.org](mailto:bids.mm@undp.org); no later than **17:00 PM, 22 October 2018**.

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the address or e-mail indicated above. Procurement Unit will respond in writing or by standard electronic mail and will send written copies of the response, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all consultants.

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### BACKGROUND

UNDP Myanmar has commenced implementation of its Country Programme for 2018-2022. Integrated programming has guided the design of the new programme in order to better address the inter-linkages between peace-building, governance, natural resource management and disaster resilience, inclusive growth, and the vertical linkages between subnational and national governance levels.

The Governance for Resilience and Sustainability Project (GRSP) leverages existing AF/GEF/REDD/GCF vertical funding and links up to horizontally and vertically with UNDP Country Programme key priority areas working at national and sub-national levels. GRSP is designed to help the Government of Myanmar (GoM) implement recent policy reforms related to environmental governance, climate change and disaster risk reduction (DRR), to ensure that economic growth in Myanmar is more inclusive, resilient and sustainable. The project recognises that environmental degradation, when combined with natural disasters and effects of climate change, undermines the attainment of inclusive and sustainable growth. It also recognises that Myanmar's environmental assets present unique opportunities for green economic development, which can directly support women's economic empowerment and community resilience.

The increased emphasis on public infrastructure investments and foreign direct investments in recent years require matching increases in environmental management and resilience. At the same time, the potential of green investments as wealth and employment generators needs to be supported and promoted by the GoM. The Union Government is promulgating a



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series of policies to address these challenges including the National Environmental Policy, Green Economy Policy Framework, Myanmar Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, and Myanmar Action Plan on DRR (MAPDRR). These policies now require enabling mechanisms for effective implementation and enforcement so that they deliver benefits for all people.

Over the 5-year period of the new CPD, GRSP aims to enable the GoM mainstream environment, climate change and DRR considerations into planning and project appraisal systems of at least three key sectors (out of renewable energy, mining, tourism, agriculture and fisheries) and three States and Regions (beginning with Rakhine, Bago and Sagaing). It will also support key counterparts implement the new policies, including by promoting an integrated environmental financing framework by helping develop comprehensive organisational and human resources development plans. GRSP also aims to help promote green investments in environmental goods and services to protect natural resources, minimize and manage waste more effectively, while simultaneously creating sustainable wealth and employment.

UNDP's support for the implementation of the NEP is initially through the development of a national level Master Plan and similar master plans at the sub-national levels, to guide priority environmental governance interventions and the mainstreaming of environmental considerations throughout all government planning and decision-making. UNDP is supporting the Environmental Conservation Department (ECD) of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC) to prepare the first national environmental master plan.

ECD is a relatively new organization, having been established in 2012. It has primary responsibility for environmental policy setting and as the country's environmental regulator, including administration of the environmental impact assessment system. Since the launch of the EIA Procedure in late 2015, a large number of IEE and EIA reports, scoping reports and EMPs have been submitted to ECD for review. The volume of work required to review and comment on these reports significantly exceeds ECD's capacity (in terms of staff numbers and technical expertise) to process them in a timely manner. This situation is exacerbated by the low quality of the majority of reports submitted, due to the lack of capacity and professional experience in EIA processes amongst Myanmar's consulting community.

While a number of development partners are supporting capacity building both within ECD and amongst non-government stakeholders to engage effectively with the EIA Procedure, the burden of the submitted reports requiring attention impedes the effectiveness of these capacity building efforts by requiring ECD staff to react to outstanding deadlines. To help address this burden and allow ECD to focus on implementing longer term systems and capacity improvements, a number of development partners have agreed to coordinate the provision of immediate assistance for ECD in three areas:

Identification of those EIA Reports into categories for prioritization for approval, or for further review, or for rejection in accordance with the EIA Procedure 2015

Rapid review of existing EIA Reports (and IEE Reports) to provide comments for the EIA

Report Review Committee in accordance with the EIA Procedure 2015, based on the aforementioned prioritization and to relieve the backlog of submitted reports

Assistance in preparing Environmental Compliance Certificates for approval of EIA/IEE reports in accordance with Chapter VIII of the EIA Procedure 2015.

In addition, ECD will be assisted to prepare a decision-making tree and work flow-chart to help progress the review and approval of EIA Reports in accordance with the EIA Procedure 2015.

A team of international consultants is to be deployed within ECD to address these tasks, comprising:

- One EIA Management Advisor
- Two to three EIA Specialist Reviewers
- One Legal Expert to support the issuance of ECCs

The team of international consultants will also be supported by a national consultant to assist with data gathering, report organisation, translation and liaison with ECD staff. This national consultant will be based in ECD full-time for the duration of the assistance project. This TOR is for one such National Consultant.

## **2. SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ANALYTICAL WORK**

For detailed information, please refer to Annex-1

## **3. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Please see Terms of Reference

## **4. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE PROPOSALS.**

Interested individual Consultant must submit the following documents/information to demonstrate their qualifications:

- a) Duly accomplished **Letter of Confirmation of Interest and Availability** using the template provided by UNDP; (Please see Template attached at Annex- 3)
- b) **Personal CV or P11**, indicating the past experience relevant to the assignment, as well as the contact details (email and telephone number) of the Candidate and at least



three (3) professional references; (Please see Template attached at Annex- 4)

- c) **Brief description** of why the individual considers him/herself as the most suitable for the assignment, and a methodology, if applicable, on how he/she will approach and complete the assignment;

### **Financial Proposal**

**\*\* Consultant/Contractor** whose assignment require travel and who are over 65 years of age are required, at their own expense, to undergo a full medical examination, including x-rays after they are selected.

## **5. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL**

### **Fees**

**Financial Proposal** that indicates the all-inclusive fixed total contract price, supported by a breakdown of costs, as per template provided. If an Offeror is employed by an organization/company/institution, and he/she expects his/her employer to charge a management fee in the process of releasing him/her to UNDP under Reimbursable Loan Agreement (RLA), the Offeror must indicate at this point, and ensure that all such costs are duly incorporated in the financial proposal submitted to UNDP.

### **Travels**

All envisaged travel costs must be included in the financial proposal. This includes all travel to join duty station/repatriation travel. In general, UNDP will not accept travel costs exceeding those of an economy class ticket.

In the case of unforeseeable travel, payment of travel costs including tickets, lodging and terminal expenses will be agreed upon, between the respective business unit and Individual Consultant, prior to travel and will be reimbursed. (Please see Template attached at Annex- 4)

## **6. EVALUATION**

The Technical and the Financial Proposal (daily fee) submitted by the International Consultant will be evaluated on the basis of the weight of the technical criteria [70] and of the financial proposal [30].

The evaluation will be performed in two stages:

### **Technical Evaluation of Proposals:**

- All applications comprising the information/documentation provided will be evaluated to ascertain the suitability of the applicants to carry out the assignment. Candidates who obtain

the minimum of 49 points of the full mark (70 points) will be considered technically compliant and their financial evaluations will be evaluated thereafter. Applications will be scored as per the following breakdown (Total 70 points):

▪ Educational background: 10 points

- Master's degree in environmental policy, environmental science or environmental planning and assessment.

▪ Relevant Experience: 45 points

- At least 3 years of professional experience related to environmental management;
- At least 2 years of experience with EIA process and EIA systems would be an advantage;
- Demonstrated good understanding of technical terms and terminology used in areas of EIA/IEE procedure and process;
- Demonstrated understanding of issues around gender equity, public participation in environmental management and differentiated impacts of projects on ethnic minorities;
- Practical experience working with government staff at multiple levels – direct experience working with ECD will be an advantage;
- Demonstrated capacity to work in a consultative manner, good networking and capacity to deal well with people.
- Demonstrated good understanding of technical terms and terminology used in areas of EIA/IEE procedure and process.

▪ English language skills: 15 points

- Proven skills in translation and interpretation from and into English and vice versa, ideally in the fields of EIA/IEE procedure and process.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

**Financial Evaluation of Proposals:**

The financial proposals of all the applicants who pass the technical evaluation will be scored. The maximum 30 points will be allotted to the lowest financial bid, and all other bids shall receive points in inverse proportion to the lowest fee e.g. [30 Points] x [USD lowest] / [USD other] = points for other proposer's fees

The contract shall be awarded to the applicant who receives the highest cumulative score.



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**ANNEX**

**ANNEX 1- TERMS OF REFERENCES (TOR)**

**ANNEX 2 -GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT**

**ANNEX 3 - P 11 for ICs**

**ANNEX 4 - OFFEROR'S LETTER TO UNDP CONFIRMING INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY FOR THE  
INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTOR (IC) ASSIGNMENT**