

INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

2019/UNDP-MMR/PN/121

Date: 14 October 2019

Country: Myanmar

Description of the assignment: International Consultant - Boundary Demarcation and Ecosystem Services Mapping of Inle Lake Region

Duty Station: Home based (with two trips to Nyaung Shwe, Shan State-Myanmar)

Period of assignment/services: 30 working days

Proposal should be submitted to (either bids.mm@undp.org or UNDP Jobs site <http://jobs.undp.org>) no later than **Monday 17:00 (Myanmar Time), 28 October 2019**. Email submission should state procurement notice number (2019/UNDP-MMR/PN/121) in the subject line.

Any request for clarification must be sent in writing, or by standard electronic communication to the address or e-mail to mmr.procurement@undp.org, [5] days before the deadline for submission of proposal. 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.

BACKGROUND

UNDP Myanmar is implementing 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), within the Sustainable & Inclusive Growth (SIG) portfolio, leverages existing 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 recognizes that environmental degradation, when combined with natural disasters and effects of climate change, undermines the attainment of inclusive and sustainable growth

GRSP also operates as an 'umbrella' project for integrating other key environment, climate and DRR related projects within UNDP's portfolio. A dedicated project to support

strengthened management of Inle Lake in Shan State is integrated into the management of GRSP.

The Inle lake is renowned for a number of traditional cultural and livelihood practices, which have made it one of the main attractions for Myanmar's booming tourism industry. The lake is, however, suffering environmental degradation from the combined effects of unsustainable resource use, increasing population pressures, climate variability and rapid tourism development.

The Government of Myanmar (GOM) implemented a number of initiatives to develop and conserve the Inle Lake in recent years. These initiatives were done in collaboration with a number of development partners including UNDP, UNEP, UNESCO, IUCN, IFC, Government of Norway, and UN-Habitat.

UNDP implemented the Inle Lake Conservation and Rehabilitation project in 2012, in collaboration with MOECA, and with financial support from the Royal Norwegian Government and in partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The objective of this initiative was to restore the environmental stability of the lake and improve the quality of life of local communities through the implementation of environmental conservation and environmentally friendly community development activities.

In 2015, the GOM prepared the Inle Lake Conservation 5-Year Action Plan (2015/16 to 2019/2020) which identifies nine priority issues, including setting up an institutional framework for Inle Lake conservation management, developing baseline data on the natural and social environment for future conservation and development of Inle Lake, and promoting sustainable tourism practices, including improvement in infrastructure, training and capacity building for the local community.

The conservation and management of Inle Lake are long-term and ongoing processes, which are crucially needed to practice an integrated approach focusing on biodiversity conservation, integrity of the lake environment and improvement of the livelihoods of local communities. The Inle Lake Conservation plans aim at ensuring a balanced approach between conservation and development of Inle Lake through the active participation of local communities and key stakeholders. The estimated overall budget required to implement the Action Plan is USD33.3 million. The plan will also include monitoring and management systems to evaluate progress of conservation efforts.

Despite the overall achievements of projects and initiatives by the GOM so far, there are limitations in terms of strong mechanism to lead the necessary planning, decision-making, and coordination of different stakeholders and the necessary funding to support the implementation of the Inle Lake Conservation 5-Year Action Plan (2015/16 to 2019/2020).

In the effort to provide continuing support to the GOM in promoting inclusive, resilient and sustainable development and environmental management (under Outcome 2: UNDP Myanmar CPD 2018-2022), UNDP Myanmar with the funding support from Government of Norway, is implementing a 2-year project on Strengthening the Inle Lake Management Authority to Improve Development and Conservation.

The project's main aim is to support the implementation of the Inle Lake Conservation 5-Year Action Plan (2015/16 to 2019/2020) by strengthening the Inle Lake Management Authority, to coordinate, manage and develop the Inle Lake effectively. This will require strong leadership and coordinated efforts of all stakeholders involved – government, non-governmental organisations and local communities. As such, it is vital to strengthen the governance of Inle Lake to rally private, civil and government actors at various levels and defines various roles. It is also equally important to develop local capacities to collect and monitor the information of the lake's ecosystem and establish a baseline and central database to measure, assess and use data to support the roles of the stakeholders.

The 2 key results of the project are:

1. Result 1: The Inle Lake Management Authority (ILMA) operates effectively and efficiently with adequate managerial, technical and financial resources and with the support from lake stakeholders.
2. Result 2: Progress in implementing the Inle Lake Conservation 5-Year Action Plan (2015/16 to 2019/2020) is systematically and transparently reviewed through a monitoring and evaluation framework and supported through institutionalised information collection, tracking and sharing mechanisms.

UNDP has engaged an NGO, the Myanmar Institute for Integrated Development (MIID), to provide technical assistance to the project.

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 62 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

Individual consultants will be evaluated based on the cumulative analysis of the technical evaluation (weight: 70%) and financial criteria (weight: 30%). Only candidates obtaining a

minimum of 70 points from the technical evaluation would be considered for the financial evaluation.

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. $[30 \text{ Points}] \times [\text{USD lowest}] / [\text{USD other}] = \text{points}$ for other proposer's fees.

- Educational background: 10 points
 - A bachelor's or master's degree, preferably in geography, GIS or the equivalent combination of a university degree and appropriate experience;
- Relevant Experience: 55 points
 - At least 7 years of relevant work experience in GIS and information management, or similar fields (20 points)
 - Good knowledge of the natural resource management particularly lake and watershed management (10 points)
 - Demonstrated knowledge of geographic information system design and development, remote sensing processing and analysis, (ArcGIS, QGIS, Erdas Imagine, Envi) (15 points)
 - Ability to advocate and provide technical advice on the relevant sector/theme (5 points)
 - Experience working with government agencies, INGOs, UN agencies and civil society will be an advantage (5 points)
- English language skills: 5 points
 - Excellent command of written and spoken English

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

ANNEX

ANNEX 1- TERMS OF REFERENCES (TOR)

ANNEX 2 -GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

ANNEX 3 - P 11/CV for ICs

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