

STRENGTHENING THE NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEMS OF ESWATINI (SNPAS) PROJECT

Terms of Reference (Lot Five)

Title:	Rehabilitation of Khopho Community Ecolodge
Country of Assignment:	Eswatini
Starting Date:	20 June 2020
Duration of Assignment:	4 Months
Background	
<p>The SNPAS Project has been organised around three components: (i) knowledge-based platform operationalised at the national, regional and community levels to address current and emerging threats to PAs and biodiversity conservation; (ii) Expansion of PA network, and (iii) strengthening PA functioning through improved conservation management and operational support for existing and new PAs, including both formal and informal. PAs will be established and managed in critical biodiversity areas as clusters, integrating different sites that are managed by the Government of Eswatini (GoE), the private sector and local communities and enable a matrix of complementary land-use activities across the board.</p> <p>The European Union (EU) fully funded the development of community ecotourism rest facilities in strategic places around Eswatini in 2006. Eswatini Tourism Authority (ETA) supported the initiative which resulted in the construction of community owned ecolodges in Shewula, Mahamba and Velezizweni. In Velezizweni, three (3) community ecolodges were put in place, namely, Khelekhele, Khopho and Mhlabeni. Mhlabeni lodge quickly fell apart due to looting and destruction stemming from Chiefdom boundary disputes. Khelekhele and Khopho remained functional, however, throughout the years these structures became subject to degradation resulting to a decline in bed occupancy. On the south western part of the country, Mahamba gorge lodge has faced similar challenges. Despite having fairly intact accommodation structures, they have failed to attract enough tourist to sustain their community owned business.</p> <p>The SNPAS project target landscapes are Ngwempisi, Lubombo and Malolotja respectively. The Ngwempisi Landscape is made up of three (3) constituencies Mahlangatsha, Ngwempisi and Ntondozi Constituencies. Under the Mahlangatsha Constituency there are four (4) Communities, namely; Sigcineni, KaZulu, Bhahwini and Luzelweni. Within the Ngwempisi Constituency there is one (1) community, Velezizweni. Under the Ntondozi Constituency there are five (5) communities, namely; Ntondozi, Ndlinilembi, Ndinda, Ncabaneni, Mphini and Khalangilile. Velezizweni Chiefdom was among the priority areas that were targeted for rigorous mobilisation, capacity building and development of a Chiefdom Development Plan (CDP). One of the key focus development sectors identified by their CDP was ecotourism infrastructure. The SNPAS project initiated a rehabilitation project for Velezizweni's ecolodges Khelekhele and Khopho in 2017, to strengthen the community's income generation opportunities from nature conservation following their pledge to set aside 2144 ha of land for protection. Mahamba was identified in the project document as a key area to be strengthened in conservation and ecotourism. SNPAS ecotourism construction projects were however stopped in December 2017 by a letter from the Principal Secretary (P.S) of the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs.</p> <p>The P.S has since signed a waiver dated November 2019, allowing the SNPAS project to resume all stopped ecotourism construction projects including Khopho. The support for cost effective infrastructure development for this community owned rest facility is a high priority for complementing the commitment to conserve communal land in Velezizweni.</p>	

Job Description
The SNPAS project calls for invitations to bid from construction companies who have the capacity to build rustic eco-friendly facilities using local and modern material to support the rehabilitation of Khopho Rock Lodge and its access road which will contribute to the goal of strengthening community-based eco-tourism. Companies having the expertise in doing the same work are highly encouraged to participate.
Objectives
The project objective is to effectively expand, manage and develop Eswatini's protected area network in order to adequately protect the biodiversity and landscapes of the country. This involves devising a system of integrating land and natural resource management that transforms the current PA patchwork into a protected areas network, while creating incentives for all Swazis (land management agencies, conservancies, private landowners and tourism operators) to work together toward conservation and sustainable economic development. The project aims towards supporting sustainable ecotourism infrastructure, product development or marketing programmes for SNL communities.
Scope Of Work
SNPAS project is looking for a suitable company who is a contractor with the capacity to replace roofing of a uniquely positioned rock lodge, construct concrete road strips in selected portions of an access road and build a conference facility in Velezizweni and Mahamba. The required structures must be of high quality.
Lot 1: Khopho re-roofing Detailed scope of material required for re-roofing Khopho Rock Lodge in Velezizweni are found in Annexure 1 below.
Lot 2: Access road concrete works Detailed scope of material required for construct concrete road strips in Velezizweni are found in Annexure 1 below.
Service providers qualifications Lot 1 & 2: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Company must be a structural contractor with record of high-quality projects completed. 2. Company must be experienced in earth works in line with structural development. 3. Company must be experienced in building different structural designs and be able to quantify bill of quantities. 4. Company must be able to do construction works in Velezizweni, Mankayane. 5. Company must guarantee timely delivery of service and its risk management.
Information Required in the Response
The provision of the pre-qualification information should include all relevant documents that are essentially required for meeting pre-qualification criteria as well as enable the project management to undertake the evaluation.
Documents Required: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Profile of company 2. Company registration (registry of companies & CIC) 3. Calculations of amount of the bid 4. List of contracts of similar jobs done with amounts and name of clients. 5. List of equipment & material for executing the job owned by service provider.

Bidders Table

Deliverables (components)	Estimated Duration To Complete	Target Dues Dates	Review and Approvals
Lot 1	3 months	10 September	
Lot 2	3 months	30 October	

Proposal

Submission of comprehensive methods and processes to be used for the Project. This should highlight the following;

- Outline approach to be adopted when carrying out the task
- State and justify method/tool that will be used in the exercise (ensuring that the method is clear and replicable) – state areas where it has been successfully applied its limitation, etc.
- Highlight risks inherent to the exercise that might compromise the quality of the product and how they will be managed
- Activities that will be undertaken and corresponding schedule to demonstrate how the allocated time will be utilized.
- Financial proposal, and
- Credentials for contractor
- Bidder should share the project implementation, as a Gantt Chart or any Project Schedule
- Patent rights clause

Institutional Agreement

- All interested potential bidders to attend the physical site visit for complete understanding of Scope of Work prior to sending the formal bid.
- The winning bidder will be invited to meet with the supervision committee on expected outcome.
- All interested Bidders must recruit at least 70% of the casual laborers from the neighboring communities.

Quality Assurance Methodology

- An infrastructural supervision committee to do quality checks bi-weekly with a minimum of two site visitation in a month.
- Monitoring and evaluation of activities will be done routinely on weekly basis by the CLOs to generate weekly progress reports.
- The contractor is expected to produce weekly progress reports.
- A retention of 10% will be made for each payment certificate as surety against defects and shall be remitted after two months of job completion.
- Retention fees remitted after clearance by supervision committee.

Payment Terms

Payment upon completion of each project phase infrastructural works on site supported by a job completion certificate or invoice with payment details. Retention fee payable after evaluation by supervision committee.	- 90%
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Submission of Applications

Submission of required documents should be no later than **8th June, 2020** marked as follows: Rehabilitation of Khopho Community Ecolodge.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Only those candidates that are short-listed for interviews will be notified.
- Qualified female candidates and those with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Annexure 1**Lot 1: Roof and Entrance**

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity
1.	Remove existing wattle level adjustments	m2	260
2.	wall plate and accessories	m2	260
3.	Construction of timber Purlines, rafter and accessories	m2	260
4.	Sisalation with sisal mat	m2	260
5.	Roof covering saflok 410 (cliplock)	m2	260
6.	Ridge capping/flat sheeting	M	40
7.	Entrance Block work	m2	14
8.	Two concrete columns with stone cladding	No.	2
9.	Provide two window openings	No.	2
10.	Redo damaged floor decking	m2	10
11.	Floor stone cladding to cover opening	Sum	1
12.	Provide 1 SOD column support	Sum	1
13.	Maintenance to all windows	No.	10
14.	Provide varnish to all exterior timber	Sum	1

Additional roof details:

- 4" (102mm) Min overlap (Lap joints away from prevailing wind)
- Saffintra 0.50mm thick safelock 410 colorplus and remove the existing old roof
- Sheet metal ridge cap closure (fastened and set in sealant or soldered as material permits.
- Turn panel pans up at ridge provide secondary closure
- Wood nailer, optional according to roof deck type and upslope panel
- Architectural metal roofing panel
- Slip sheet (As required by metal panel manufacturer)

Lot 2: Road concrete works

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity
1.	25Mpa concrete single strips with Ref 193 reinforcement mesh for 600m	m3	45
2.	25Mpa concrete Double (full width) with Ref395 reinforcement mesh for 270m	m3	128

3.	V- Drains	m3	10.06
4.	V- Drains mesh wire ref 193	m2	90
5.	Compaction for drains	Sum	1
6.	Drill and dowel on rocks	Sum	1
7.	Meshwire Ref 193	m2	242
8.	Meshwire Ref 395	m2	810
9.	Formwork single strips	m	968
10.	Formwork full width	m	464
11.	Compaction to level	Sum	1
12.	Provide cut off drains for water crossings	Item	11