

INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT (IC) PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

Recruitment of International Consultant for Terminal
Evaluation of UNDP- Environmentally Sustainable
Production Practices in Cocoa Landscapes Phases I & II
(ESP Phase II)

Procurement Notice Ref. No.: <u>UNDP.GHA.2020.143.IC</u>

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Submission Deadline: October 26, 2020 @ 4:30 PM in the Afternoon

(UTC+00:00) Accra/Monrovia Time Zone

Note: those who submit afterwards will automatically be rejected. Proposers are strongly advised to meet the submission deadline and avoid IT related glitch while sending to secured email at last hour due to File size limitation, internet down,

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INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT NOTICE

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Description of the Assignment: Recruitment of International Consultant for Terminal Evaluation of

UNDP- Environmentally Sustainable Production Practices in Cocoa

Landscapes Phases I & II (ESP Phase II).

Project Name/Title:

Post Title: International Consultant

Period of Assignment/Services: 25 working Days

Proposal should be submitted no later than **October 26, 2020 at 4:30 PM in the Afternoon, UTC+00:00 Accra/Monrovia Time Zone** via the secure email address:

bids.qh@undp.orq

Your technical and financial proposals shall be sent **into two separate files but in one email** under Subject Line: **UNDP.GHA.2020.143.IC**

The File Name for Technical and Financial Proposals MUST BE:

- 1. For Technical: <u>UNDP.GHA.2020.143.IC- TP [insert your name]</u>
- 2. For Financial UNDP.GHA.2020.143.IC- FP [insert your name]

Any request for clarification and/or additional information on this Procurement Notice shall be sent in writing to UNDP Ghana Country Office or send standard electronic communication to the Contact Person e-mail at procurement.gh@undp.org (please note that it is only dedicated for enquiry and confirmation for proposal submission. Do not submit both Technical and Financial proposals to this account. If you do so, your proposals will be rejected, and UNDP will not be accountable for it). While the Procurement Unit would endeavour to provide clarification expeditiously, only requests receiving at least 5 days period to the submission deadline will be entertained. The procuring UNDP entity will respond in writing by standard electronic mail, including an explanation of the query without identifying the source of inquiry, to all consultants. Any delay in providing such information will not be considered as a reason for extending the submission deadline.

I. BACKGROUND

The Ghana Cocoa Board (COCOBOD), with funding from Mondelez International's Cocoa Life Programme has been implementing over the past seven (7) years a projects dubbed "Environmental Sustainability and Policy" (ESP Phase I) and "Environmentally Sustainable Production Practices in Cocoa Landscapes (ESP Phases II). The project phases have aimed at creating institutional systems, tools and policies to rehabilitate cocoa landscapes, helping farmers in the Cocoa Life Programme adopt environmentally sustainable and climate change resilient cocoa production practices and to conserve ecosystems and natural resources in cocoa landscapes.

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For detailed information, please refer to Annex I- Terms of Reference (ToR)

II. SCOPE OF WORK, RESPONSIBILITIES AND DESCRIPTION

The evaluation report will assess the achievement of project results against what was expected to be achieved and draw lessons that can both improve the sustainability of benefits from this project, and aid in the overall enhancement of UNDP programming, especially considering that a potential third phase of the project is being discussed. This will be done by assessing project performance against expectations set out in the project's Logical Framework/Results Framework (see ToR Annex A), among others as agreed with UNDP and evaluation stakeholders at the inception phase. The evaluation report will promote accountability and transparency and assesses the extent of project accomplishments. It shall cover issues related to the various components of the project mentioned in paragraph 1 above. Recommendations from this evaluation will therefore be useful in sustaining the various results and interventions undertaken under this project. In addition, the evaluation must address how the intervention sought to strengthen the application of the rights-based approach and mainstream gender in during implementation.

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III. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

a. Academic Qualifications:

A Master's degree or above in Natural Resource Management, Environmental Management/Science,
 Agricultural Science, Development Studies, or other closely related field – preferably related to the cocoa sector or similar commodities.

Experience:

• Minimum of 10 years of professional experience in the technical areas of the project, with demonstrated understanding of good policies and practices of climate smart agriculture or natural resource management

- and governance, or working with farmers on delivery of extension services; knowledge of Ghanaian context would be an asset
- Recent experience with evaluating projects with result-based monitoring and evaluation methodologies and in applying SMART indicators.
- Knowledge and experience in UNDP project Evaluation

Important Note:

The Consultant is required to have the above mentioned professional and technical qualifications. Only the applicants who hold these qualifications will be shortlisted and contacted.

IV. DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED WHEN SUBMITTING THE TECHNICAL PROPOSALS

Interested offeror/Individual Consultant (IC) must submit the following documents before the deadline stipulated in the IC Procurement Notice. Such documents are:

- Technical Proposal as per the prescribed format (see template in Annex II), which includes Duly Signed
 Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability and Duly Signed Personal CV
- Financial Proposal as per prescribed format (see template in Annex III)

V. FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

LUMP-SUM CONTRACTS

The Financial Proposal shall specify a total lump-sum amount **all-inclusive**, and payment terms around specific and measurable (qualitative and quantitative) deliverables (i.e. whether payments fall in installments or upon completion of the entire contract). Payments are based upon output, i.e. upon delivery of the services specified in the TOR. In order to assist the requesting unit in the comparison of financial proposals, the financial proposal will include a breakdown of this lump-sum amount (including travel, per diems, and number of anticipated working days).

Travel:

• All envisaged travel costs must be included in the financial proposal. This includes all travel to join duty station/repatriation travel. In general, UNDP should not accept travel costs exceeding those of an economy class ticket. Should the IC wish to travel on a higher class he/she should do so using their own resources.

In the case of unforeseeable travel, payment of travel costs including tickets, lodging and terminal expenses should be agreed upon, between the respective Business Unit (BU) and Individual Consultant, prior to travel and will be reimbursed.

VI. EVALUATION

Upon the advertisement of the Procurement Notice, qualified Individual Consultant is expected to submit both the Technical and Financial Proposals. Accordingly; Individual Consultants will be evaluated based on Cumulative Analysis as per the following scenario:

- Responsive/compliant/acceptable, and
- Having received the highest score out of a pre-determined set of weighted technical and financial criteria specific to the solicitation. In this regard, the respective weight of the proposals are:

- a. Technical Criteria weight is 70%
- b. Financial Criteria weight is 30%

Criteria	Weight	Max. Point
Technical Competence (based on CV, Proposal and interview (if required))	70%	100
A Master's degree or above in Natural Resource Management, Environmental		5pts*
Management/Science, Agricultural Science, Development Studies, or other		
closely related field – preferably related to the cocoa sector or similar		
commodities		
• Minimum of 10 years of professional experience in the technical areas of the project, with demonstrated understanding of good policies and practices of climate smart agriculture or natural resource management and governance, or working with farmers on delivery of extension services; knowledge of Ghanaian context would be an asset		40 pts*
 Recent experience with evaluating projects with result-based monitoring and evaluation methodologies and in applying SMART indicators 		40 pts *
 Knowledge and experience in UNDP project Evaluation 		15 pts*
Financial (Lower Offer/Offer*100)		30
Total Score Technical Score * 70% + Financial Score * 30%		

Evaluation legend:

Weight per Technical Competence				
Weak: below 70%	The individual consultant/contractor has demonstrated a WEAK capacity for			
	the analyzed competence			
Satisfactory: 70-75%	The individual consultant/contractor has demonstrated a SATISFACTORY			
	capacity for the analyzed competence			
Good: 76-85%	The individual consultant/contractor has demonstrated a GOOD capacity for			
	the analyzed competence			

ANNEXES

ANNEX I - Terms of References (ToR) $\,$

ANNEX II - Technical Proposal along with Offeror's Letter to UNDP Confirming Interest and Availability

ANNEX III - Financial Proposal

 $ANNEX\ IV\ -\ General\ Conditions\ of\ Contract:\ For\ the\ Services\ of\ Individual\ Contractors\ (IC)$

Yours Sincerely,

Silke Hollander

Deputy Resident Representative.

UNDP, Ghana.

INSTRUCTION TO OFFERORS

No.	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
1	Location of Work:	☑ Please refer to the ToR
2	Language of the Proposal:	⊠ English
3	Period of Proposal Validity commencing on the submission date	☑ 120 days
4	Preferred Currency of Proposal	□ Local Currency (Ghana cedis)
5	Deadline for submitting requests for clarifications/ questions	▼ Two (2) day before the submission date
6	Contact Details for submitting clarifications/questions	 ☑ Focal Person in UNDP: Procurement Team ☑ E-mail address dedicated for this purpose: procurement.gh@undp.org (only for enquiry/request for clarification) ☑ Any delay in UNDP's response shall be not used as a reason for extending the deadline for submission, unless UNDP determines that such an extension is necessary and communicates a new deadline to the Proposers.
7	Manner of Disseminating Supplemental Information to the IC and responses/clarifications to queries	☑ Direct communication to prospective Bidders by email and posting on
8	Allowable Manner of Submitting Proposals	⊠ Electronic submission of Bid
9	Proposal Submission Address	☑ Via our secured mail address: bids.gh@undp.org
10	Deadline of Submission	 ☑ Date and Time: October 26, 2020 @ 4:30 PM in the Afternoon ☑ Time Zone: (UTC+00:00) Accra/Monorovia
11	Conditions and Procedures for electronic submission and opening, if allowed	 ☑ Official Address for e-submission: bids.gh@undp.org ☑ Free from virus and corrupted files

No.	Data	Specific Instructions / Requirements
No.	Data	 ☑ Format: PDF files only ☑ UNDP Ghana Office uses Adobe PDF reader version 9 and Microsoft 2007 & Microsoft 2010 ☑ For electronically transferred data, the maximum capacity is 9MB. Thus, if the size of the file is greater than 9MB attach them with two or more email. ☑ No. of copies to be transmitted: only One, do not send the proposals time and again to avoid confusion in locating the right proposals. UNDP/Procurement Unit will not be liable for failing to locate a right proposal owing to repetitively sending revised proposals. ☑ Subject of email (Mandatory): your proposals shall be sent into two separate files but in one email under Subject Line: UNDP.GHA.2020.143.IC ☑ Proposals File Name (Mandatory): The File Name for Technical and Financial Proposals MUST BE: 3. For Technical – UNDP.GHA.2020.143.IC- TP - [insert your name] 4. For failing and/or incorrectly state the above subject line may result in failing to exactly locate your proposals as the Procurement Unit processes several of such type proposal invitations at a time and will not be liable for any consequences thereof. ☑ COMPULSORY: Once you submitted your proposals electronically to designated Secured Email, kindly confirm same (without
		attaching the proposals for the purpose keeping its integrity) to the Focal Person. The Attn: Procurement Team at procurement.gh@undp.org Your confirmation is important in order to ensure all Proposing Firms' Quotations are not missed and considered for subsequent Technical Evaluation.
13	Evaluation method to be used in selecting the most responsive Proposal	□ Combined Scoring Method, using the 70%-30% distribution for Technical and Financial proposals, respectively, where the minimum passing score of technical proposal is 70%
14	Post-Qualification Actions	☑ Inquiry and background checking with referees or any other entity that may have done business with the offeror.