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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
for
Procurement of Consultancy Services For JICA Aided Tamil Nadu Biodiversity
Conservation and Greening Project.**

1. The Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Government of Tamil Nadu has received a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) vide Loan Agreement No. ID-P 214 Dated February 17, 2011 for implementation of Tamilnadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project in the State of Tamil Nadu, India, with an outlay of Rs 686 crores for a period of 8 years. The objective of the Project is to strengthen biodiversity conservation by improving ecosystem and the management capacity as well as undertaking tree planting outside the recorded forest areas, thereby contributing to environmental conservation and harmonized socio-economic development of Tamil Nadu with focus on the 3 sub components namely
 - Biodiversity Conservation,
 - Increasing the Natural Resource Base and
 - Institutional Capacity Development.
2. The Project Management Unit intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to cover eligible payments under the contract to Consultants as defined in Section 2.05 of "Guidelines for Employment of Consultant under Japanese ODA Loans, March 2009" for providing Project Management Consultancy Services which, inter alia, include Project management assistance, technical guidance, policy initiatives, monitoring & reporting etc.
3. The required specialists for the consultancy services sought are:
 - i) Team leader\Biodiversity Expert (International)
 - ii) Bio diversity Conservation Expert
 - iii) Community Development Expert
 - iv) Tree Cultivation in Private Lands Facilitator
 - v) MIS and Monitoring &Evaluation Expert
4. The Project Management Unit of the Project now invites the Expression of Interest from the Reputed International / Indian Firms with International exposure for short listing of Firms towards project management consultancy services as detailed in para 3 above to assist the Society. The Firm should provide all the five consultancy services as detailed in para 3 above.
5. The approximate duration of the project implementation shall be up to the year 2018-2019. The total duration of the consultancy assignment will be approximately 13 man months for the Team leader\Biodiversity Expert (with International experience) and 97 man months for other Experts [Bio-diversity Conservation Expert (28 man-months), Community Development Expert (21 man-months), TCPL Facilitator (24 man-months), MIS and M&E Expert (24 man-months)]
6. This invitation is open to all countries including India. International Consultants / local Consultants can form a joint venture with local / international Consultants, if required, to

ensure they have the necessary experience and resources to deliver the required services. The EOI must clearly state the legal status of the Firm providing the consultancy services and in the case of a joint venture who is the "Lead Partner". The Firm should have experience in projects of comparable size, complexity, and technical speciality in India / developing countries.

7. The Firms should have executed at least one Project independently in the last 10 years in the Forestry sector in the areas like Biodiversity Conservation, Habitat Management, Climate Change, Wetland Planning and Management, Resource Protection, Ecologically Sustainable Development including Forestry related Monitoring and Training etc. The value of Project Implementation handled under such project should not have been less than INR 10 Million (or equivalent in Foreign Currency). The total turnover of the Firm must not be less than INR 30 Million (or equivalent in Foreign Currency) in last 3 years.
8. Interested Firms must provide information not exceeding 10 pages, indicating that they are qualified to perform the desired services, have experience of similar assignments of similar complexity and scale, and have experience of working in similar conditions including availability of skilled staff.
9. Only eligible Firms having the required qualifications shall be considered for short listing based on their **Technical capacity** (Technical expertise of the Firm and Profiles of experts); **Administrative Capacity** (Experience and size of the Firm including Awards/Achievements); and **Financial Capacity** (Current and future commitments / projects and Audited Annual Reports of the Firm). Relevant documents may be enclosed. All information in the application shall be in English. Information in any other language shall be accompanied by the translation in English.
10. Only the short listed Firms shall be invited to submit their detailed proposals for the consulting services. Firms barred from participating in any project funded by the Government of India or any other international donor (i.e. JICA, World Bank, ADB, DFID, etc.) on the date of submission of their EOIs, will not be eligible to participate in this opportunity. A declaration to that effect must be furnished by the applicant.
11. A Firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the JICA Guidelines for procurement under Japanese ODA Loans dated March 2009 and the Guidelines for Employment of Consultants under Japanese ODA Loans dated March 2009 read with Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Rules, 2000.
12. Applications must be sent in sealed envelopes clearly marking "Application for Short listing of Consultants for Tamilnadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project (TBGP), Tamilnadu" on the envelope, either delivered by hand or registered mail or by courier to: The Chief Project Director, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Society, Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai – 600015, India **by 1700 hrs IST on 10th October 2011**. The Chief Project Director or his authorized representative will hold a meeting on **29th September 2011** at 3 PM in the Conference Hall of Panagal Maaligai, Saidapet, Chennai, India for clarification if any by the prospective bidders. All prospective bidders are welcome to attend this meeting.
13. The Chief Project Director, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project, Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Society reserves the right to accept or reject any/all applications in part or in full without assigning any reason. Merely expressing the interest does not confer the right of participating in the tender process.

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