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Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development
Department of Land Resources
6th Floor, 11th Block, CGO Complex

Lodi Road, New Delhi-03
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Order

Subject:- Hiring of consultancy services for Capacity Building Support Agency (CBSA) under Neeranchal National Watershed Management Project - reg.

1. On date 8214 watershed development projects, sanctioned between 2009-10 to 2014-15, are being implemented under the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY).
2. Neeranchal National Watershed Management Project (Neeranchal), sanctioned in 2015-16, is meant to provide support to WDC-PMKSY through technical assistance to improve incremental conservation outcomes and agricultural yields for communities in selected sites, and adoption of more effective processes and technologies in participating states. Hiring of Capacity Building Support Agency (CBSA) under the Neeranchal Project is under process in the Watershed Management Division.
3. The bidding process for selection of CBSA was initiated on 16.03.2016 [advertisement for Request of Expression of Interest (REoI) for hiring of CBSA was issued on 16.03.2016]. Short-listed agencies have still to be approved and RFPs have still to be approved and issued to the short-listed agencies. The subsequent residual processes towards finalization of selection process will take natural time, of a few more months. The process has been inordinately delayed.
4. Concerted efforts to locate a qualitative professional government organization having requisite capability and expertise to discharge the responsibilities of CBSA was not made earlier.

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5. Efforts should definitely be made to locate a qualitative professional government organization having requisite capability and expertise to discharge the responsibilities of CBSA. Some of the advantages of having a government organization are that a government organization will be governed by government rules and regulations; it will be comparatively more accountable; meetings / dialogues with such organizations will be comparatively more convenient; the arrangement with a government organization will be comparatively more readily feasible (directly through a MoU); and dynamic changes as appropriate in accordance with the changing needs if any will be comparatively more readily feasible. In addition, such government organization will become a natural repository of information and knowledge gathered under the Neeranchal Project, and same would sustain and be available for productive use of Watershed Development implementers as well as students and researchers in the field. Both the government organization and implementers and students and researchers of the country will continue to benefit even after completion of the project.

6. After careful consideration, it has been decided with the approval of the competent authority that:

(a) the bidding process, being inordinately delayed, and effected without concerted effort to locate a qualitative professional government organization may abate on as-is-where-is-basis.

(b) concerted efforts may be made, without delay, to locate a qualitative professional government organization with the requisite capability and expertise to discharge the responsibilities of CBSA.


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