

INDIA
World Bank Assisted Watershed Management Project - Neeranchal
Government of India
Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Land Resources
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Selection of Consultants as “Capacity Building Support Agency”

1. This Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) follows the General Procurement Notice (GPN) for this project that appeared in UNDB online on 26th June 2013.
2. The Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Government of India has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of Neeranchal National Watershed Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the consulting services as “**Capacity Building Support Agency**” for which this REOI is issued. The period of Consultancy shall be five years.
3. The consulting services (“the services”) include services as “**Capacity Building Support Agency**” for Neeranchal National Watershed Project. Neeranchal aims to increase incomes through enhanced agricultural production and improve sustainability of natural resources through better watershed management among the people living in selected micro-watersheds in nine States, by improving effectiveness and adding value to Govt. of India’s ongoing Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) through institutional reform, capacity building, the development and application of best practices, and convergence with other Government projects. Neeranchal is designed to support IWMP in nine (9) States (viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan and Telangana). The objective of “Capacity Building Support Agency” assignment is to support the Capacity Building (CB) Cell in the Neeranchal PIU to achieve results pertaining to CB at the central level as envisioned by the project for IWMP, identify and assist the nodal CB institute for the central level in smooth delivery of trainings and incorporate learnings from innovations and pilots expected to emerge from the Component 2 of the project into the CB framework at appropriate levels. The specific tasks which the consultant has to carry out are as follows:
 - i) Develop a comprehensive CB framework for the project.
 - ii) A needs assessment of various stakeholders, Implementing Partners to understand the appropriateness and adequacy of current CB initiatives.
 - iii) Advisory support and assistance to states and PIU CB Cell as required and requested, in terms of development of materials and modules, appropriate delivery mechanisms.
 - iv) Assist SLNAs/state CBSA to develop training calendars

- v) Sharing CB-related best practices and learnings across states,
 - vi) Defining monitoring and evaluation benchmarks and indicators for C.B. & Training assessments.
 - vii) Based on inputs from the PIU-CB Cell, liaise with the Implementing Partners (IPs) to source new learnings and convert these into training material appropriate for the concerned stakeholder
 - viii) Recommend non-traditional and innovative modes and models for CB e.g. video presentations at community level, satcoms, peer reviews, etc.
4. The Project Director, Neeranchal, Department of Land Resources now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consulting firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.
 5. The short-listing criteria for evaluation of EoIs are:
 - (i) Past experience of the firm in providing services as “Capacity Building Support Agency” for aided projects of a similar nature including World Bank assisted project and experience in conducting studies in the project area in terms of years of experience, value of assignments handled, number of assignments handled, relevance of past assignments to the present study. (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.)
 - (ii) Organization Capability of the Firm – Annual turnover during the past three years, Number of Staff working with firm.
 6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers*, January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
 7. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualification [The Association may take the form of joint venture (with joint and several liability) or of a sub-consultancy]. This should be clearly Stated in the submission.
 8. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS, Lump sum) method set out in the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by Bank Borrowers*, January 2011.
 9. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from 10:00 to 17:00 hours on all working days or at project web site <http://dolr.nic.in>.
 10. Expression of interest with the accompanying information must be delivered in the written form to the address below by **12th December 2014**, between 10.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs on working days.

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Important Note

- *No Proposals (Technical or Financial) are required now. On the basis of information provided by interested consulting firms, the NNWP, DoLR will prepare a shortlist of firms who will be invited to submit detailed proposals.*