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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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COUNTRY: Nepal

NAME OF PROJECT: BUILDING RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE-RELATED HAZARDS (BRCH) PROJECT

Grant No.: TF 013665-NEP Loan No: TF013557

Assignment Title: DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE SERVICES (NFCS) AND SECTORAL WORKING GROUPS IN NEPAL

Reference No. PPCR/DHM/S/QCBS-37

The Department of Hydrology and Meteorology has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Building Resilience to Climate-Related hazards Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The project aims to strengthen the capacity of the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology to meet Nepal's need for timely and accurate weather, climate and water related information and alert services

The main objective of this assignment is to establish a National Framework for Climate Services (NFCS) in Nepal and sectoral working groups within the framework. The work will be done in close collaboration with DHM and with due involvement of Climate Service expert from SI (System integrator consultant). The guidelines of WMO to develop GFCS at national level should be applied and good examples of national level progress in other countries should be utilized when appropriate.

The consultant will conduct national consultations with stakeholders and potential users of climate services together with DHM. The consultant in close coordination with SI, will also moderate and follow up the early steps of sectoral working groups to be established during consultations. The final outcome will be the Action plan for the NFCS, which DHM and sectoral stakeholders are committed to.

The Implementation period is within **9 months** from the date of signing the contract.

Details of the services are included in the Terms of reference which may be obtained from BRCH/DHM or can be downloaded from website of the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (www.dhm.gov.np/notices).

The DHM/BRCH now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") having:

1. More than 10 years, preferably more than 15 years of experience in the field of climate service and research
2. Experience in international climate consulting in developing countries related to development of climate services / climate research capacity/ adaptation to climate change.
3. Experience related to GFCS including regional and national domains of GFCS
4. Experience in building societal awareness to climate issues, including climate change will be an advantage;
5. Experience on consultation related to climate service/ research / adaptation to climate change in Nepal will be an advantage.

Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The other short listing criteria beside mentioned above are:

1. Experience in developing coordinating mechanism enabling the development and delivery of climate services required at national and local levels.
2. Experience in International Consulting Services in establishing National Framework for climate Services (NFCS)
3. Experience in Global Framework for climate services (GFCS)

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, revised July 2014] ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. Interested firm/s must submit its *business/professional registration certificate/s along with its confirmed validity period to date, Tax Clearance Certificate up to FY 2013-14 (2070/71), VAT/PAN Registration Certificate duly certified by a notary as per law of country and Self declaration Letter of not being ineligible up to submit Date.*

Firms shall be assessed and compared using criteria relevant to assignment as stated in Terms of Reference, hence the firm shall submit documents required to support with evidence so as to demonstrate the qualification and experiences of the firm.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS, Technical 0.8, Financial 0.2, as criteria) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Only the selected/shortlisted firms shall be asked to submit separate Technical and Financial proposals based on Request for Proposal (RFP) for the assignment and, those firm/s whose Technical scores are declared successful shall be informed to open the financial proposal/s prior to final listing of selection. The firm scoring highest in QCBS shall be invited to negotiate a contract. Both technical and financial aspects of the proposal may be negotiated.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [10:00 to 17:00 hours].

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail)

Last date of submission: Sept 21, 2015 at 12.00 Noon

Opening date of EOI: Sept 21, 2015 at 02.00 P.M.

If the last date of submission happens to be holiday, the next working day will be the last date for submission.

DHM/BRCH reserves the right to shortlist or not to shortlist any or all the firms without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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