

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
GEF/QCBS-2019/003 / Review of agroforestry measures in selected areas and selection of new lands

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA
“INFRASTRUCTURE AND RURAL FINANCE SUPPORT PROGRAMME”
CONSULTING SERVICES; QUALITY AND COST-BASED SELECTION
GEF GRANT - 2000001401

The Republic of Armenia has received Loans from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the OPEC Fund for Agricultural Development (OFID) and Grants from Global Environmental Facility (GEF) and IFAD and intends to apply part of these proceeds to make payments under the contract for: *GEF/QCBS-2019/003 / Review of agroforestry measures in selected areas and selection of new lands*

Purpose and Objectives of the assignment

Service provider is expected to prepare a detailed Land Restoration report. The report should be a comprehensive study including: **A.** Revision of the existing 3 restoration and investments plans prepared for the preselected sites in Syunik and Ararat marzes of the Republic of Armenia; **B.** Remapping and review of 218 hectares of communal areas in Syunik Region. Map polygons provided by Ministry of Environment, which include areas under reforestation plan of COP22 Paris Agreement Commitment to “10 Million Tree” project. **C.** Implementation Assistance. **D.** Development of Environmental and social Impact Assessment report.

“Rural Areas Economic Development Programmes Implementation Unit” SA /PIU/ invites all interested Consultants to submit Expressions of Interest to participate in the upcoming tender for the selection of Consultants for the implementation of assignment. A consultant may submit only one expression of interest whether alone or as part of a Joint Venture.

The following documents shall be submitted as part of the expression of interest:

- Letter of Interest addressed to the Director of the PIU.
- Details of the application including details of any joint venture partner (as per template provided)
- Details of previous similar projects meeting the Technical Qualification requirements, clearly labelling which project is submitted to comply with which criterion; project details should include project name, location, budget, commencement date, completion date, client, and scope of services provided (as per template provided)

Major Qualifications Required (Shortlisting)

The consultant/service provider will be selected using the QCBS method. A detailed Request for Proposals will be sent to shortlisted firms from among those that qualify for this project based on the following qualifications criteria applicable to the firm or joint venture of firms expressing interest:

Technical Qualifications

- a) Experience in research and implementation of projects in the fields of land degradation, landscape restoration and/or re-cultivation in similar eco-climatic conditions/regions with successful results (at least 1 similar project in recent 5 years) – max. 30 points;
- b) proven record of compiled and applicable project reports in similar actions i.e. Present related produced reports during the operation in similar projects: to be valued by environmental, agricultural and hands-on applicability level of proposed solutions. (at least 1 similar project in recent 5 years, preferably in Armenia) – max. 35 points;
- c) Preferably have at least 3 years of operation in similar projects of landscape restoration or related field, with experience on: the design and implementation of active environmental restoration technologies and techniques, vegetation recovery/re-cultivation methodologies, and plant management techniques contributing to LR (at least 1 similar project in recent 5 years) – max. 35 points;

Expression of Interest should be submitted in English, 1 original and 1 copy, electronically or in paper form. In case of contradiction between copies, the original hard copy will supersede.

The proposed duration of the services is 12 months.

The Consultant will be selected using the Qualification and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) in line with the procedures of the Procurement Guidelines published by IFAD in December 2019 and Handbook published by IFAD in November 2020, or any update to the above whenever published. The full Terms of Reference and the template for submission of Expression of Interest are published on

<https://raed.am/procurement/adstatements.html> . For more information or clarifications, please write to procurement@raed.am. Clarifications should be received at most 10 days before the deadline and the answers will be published online at www.raed.am .

The Expressions of Interest should be submitted at the mentioned address until 17:00 hrs. on 26 July 2021.

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