

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Name Of Country : India

Project Name : Ecosystems Service Improvement Project

Sector : Environment and Natural Resources

Grant No :

Project ID No. P133803

The Government of India has applied for financing in the amount of US\$ 24.64 million [*United State Dollar 24.64 million*] equivalent from GEF through the World Bank toward the cost of the Ecosystems Service Improvement Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

The project will include the following components;

1. Strengthening capacity and skills of government institutions for effective delivery of forestry and land management programs which includes building institutional capacity and capability of identified stakeholders for planning and efficient delivery of forest ecosystem quality improvement and land management programs in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; and developing, testing and piloting systems for measuring and monitoring forest carbon stocks.
2. Improving Forest Quality and Productivity by way of enhancing and restoring carbon stocks in forestlands, improving forest quality through effective management of invasive alien species, and developing community-based models for sustainable utilization of non-timber forest produce.
3. Scaling up of Integrated Sustainable Land & Ecosystem Management (SLEM) approaches for reducing land degradation and desertification by identifying, replicating and enhancing reach of best practices, building national capacity for land degradation and desertification monitoring, and development and implementation of a national knowledge network.

Major procurement under this project will include but not be limited to:

- i) Goods and works in support of carbon reduction;
- ii) Consultancy support for development of a road map for SLEM;
- iii) Consultancy support for development of a web based reporting system;
- iv) Consultancy support for undertaking a base line survey; and
- v) Consultancy support for ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits January 2011, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines. Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by The World Bank Borrowers January 2011.

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in UN Development Business, and other Indian leading newspapers in each of the states.

Interested eligible bidders/consultants who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive a copy of the advertisement requesting expressions of interest for large-value consultants' contracts, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below.

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