

# **Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)**

## **(Consulting Services – Selection of Firms)**

**Country:** Cambodia

**Client:** The Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MOWRAM)

**Project:** Climate Adaptive Irrigation Supporting Agricultural Resilience (CAISAR)

**Grant No.:** PPSF S0452A

**Contract/Assignment Title:** Request for consulting services: Climate Adaptive Irrigation Feasibility Study

**REOI Reference No:** In progress

1. The Government of Cambodia (GoC) has applied for financing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB or the Bank) toward the cost of the Climate Adaptive Irrigation Supporting Agricultural Resilience (CAISAR) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

A grant for project preparation was approved in February 2021 from AIIB's Project Preparation Special Fund (PPSF), which financial assistance portion of the grant is implemented by the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MOWRAM), Implementing Entity (IE) of the Project.

The proposed Project will support the GoC's efforts to sustain food security and improve climate resilience during and after the COVID-19 crisis through restoration and enhancement of smart and climate-resilient irrigation systems and associated ecosystems, flood control management and disaster resilience measures in four provinces, namely: Kampong Speu, Kampong Chhnang, Kandal, and Pursat.

The objective of this assignment is to conduct the CAISAR project feasibility study (FS), estimated at \$200 million, in sufficient detail to meet the requirements for AIIB financing, IFAD co-financing and the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Funding Proposal (FP) application, including a Concept Note with GoC counterpart funding; and the requirements of the GoC and MOWRAM to execute the project.

2. The consulting services ("the Services") include an in-depth FS of irrigation channels; irrigation ponds, smart irrigation systems; flood control management that maximizing the system operation and water storage; and institutional strengthening to be delivered over a period of approximately eight months (from August 2021 to March 2022). The work includes eight primary tasks with nine key deliverables.
3. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this Request for Expressions of Interest. Please note that this is an Outline TOR that

will be detailed for the Request for Proposal (RFP) to be distributed to the shortlisted firms.

4. The MOWRAM now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) in combination with Cambodia firm(s) with offices in Cambodia to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:
  - (i) Core business experience in water resources, irrigation and flood management documented with at least 3 Feasibility Studies for large scale irrigation and flood management within the last 10 years.
  - (ii) Demonstrated experience of 2 completed Studies inclusive of both climate adaptation and social dimensions in infrastructure projects over the last 5 years.
  - (iii) Demonstrated managerial capability and competency of large-scale complex projects with at least 3 Feasibility Studies completed for similar infrastructure projects within the last 10 years.
  - (iv) Demonstrated experience working in Southeast Asia and preferably in Cambodia with government agencies and local communities, with 3 Studies/Projects implemented in the last 10 years.
  - (v) Demonstrated experience working with multilateral development banks. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section II, paragraphs 4.4, 4.4.2 and 13.4 of the Bank’s “Interim Operational Directive on Procurement Instructions for Recipients” dated June 2, 2016 (“Procurement Instructions”), setting forth the Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
6. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Instructions for Recipients (PIR) with 90% on technical on the technical merits of the approach and the key staff qualifications; and 10% on cost.
8. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.
9. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by July 16, 2021.

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