**REQUEST FOR EXPRESION OF INTEREST(REOI)**

**(CONSULTING SERVICES –FIRMS SELECTION)**

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**COUNTRY: KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA**

**NAME OF PROJECT: National Restoration of Rural Productive Capacity Project (NRRPCP) (under the Covid-19 Crisis Recovery Facility)**

**Loan No./Credit No./Grant No.: AIIB LOAN NUMBER L0446A**

**Assignment Title:** **The Consulting Firm for Design and Supervision of WASH Facilities (SP3)**

**Reference No:** **NRRPCP/21/CFS-3**

1. The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has received financing from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in the form of a loan toward the cost of National Restoration of Rural Productive Capacity Project (NRRPCP), which has the objective to sustain the rural economy and livelihood of vulnerable rural population and returning migrants affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. The consulting services (“the Services”) include providing technical assistance to the MRD, specifically to PMU and PPIUs, to support the implementation of the **Sub-Component A2 –** **Water Sanitation and Hygiene** (WASH) and to measure project performance & outcomes, in accordance with Results Monitoring Framework of EA. The Sub-component in turn supports the Government’s National Strategy of Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (2014 - 2025) and contributes to the COVID-19 response under SDG6 - Ensure access to water and sanitation for all. This will include to:

* Restore and climate proof about 75 community ponds by strengthening of the embankments using bioengineered solutions, and construct 75 new community ponds and associated water, sanitation and hygiene (washing) facilities, and to map and ensure safe water access points in the village within a 250 to 350-meter range from each house to reduce water duties allocated to women and children.
* Promote sanitation and hygiene, especially hand-washing practices to deliver basic CoVID-19 prevention measures to the vulnerable groups of the rural population; enable community mobilization for the design, operation and maintenance (O&M) and raise community awareness on safe water use, sanitation and hygiene improvements as part of the CoVID-19 primary emergency response.

1. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.
2. The Ministry of Rural Development, NRRPCP, now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) 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:
   * Firm’s previous project experience in providing service relevant to the Rural WASH Facilities Sector (10%);
   * Firm’s previous project experience in Design and Supervision of WASH Facilities (70%);
     + The experience in similar nature of work must be in the preceding 5 years;
     + The minimum contract value of each assignment must not be less than USD 385,000.00 or any amount justifiable given the inflation rate to each completed/ongoing assignment in the preceding 5 years.
   * Firm shall have minimum average annual service turnover of USD 1,155,000.00, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress and/or completed within the last 3 years (20%);
     + It must be clearly indicated in audited financial statement certified by recognized audit firms that are members of the Kampuchea Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Auditors **(KICPAA).**
   * Firm’s previous Work experience with international organizations/agencies (Such as WB, ADB, IFAD, JICA, and other International NGOs in Cambodia ***is an advantage***.

*Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.*

1. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section II, paragraph 4.4, and paragraph 4.9 of the AIIB’s “Procurement Instructions for Recipients” June 2, 2016, setting forth the AIIB’s policy on conflict of interest and eligibility.
2. 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.
3. A Consultant will be selected through the selection based on ***Least Cost Selection (LCS)*** method as set out under regulations governing public procurement within the Kingdom of Cambodia in accordance with the Procurement Manual for Externally Financed Project/Programs in Cambodia, Revised December 2019.
4. Further information can be obtained at address below during the office hours between 8:00 am – 11:30 am and 2:30 pm – 5:00 p.m. every working day.
5. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 13 January 2022 at 11:00 hours (local time in Cambodia).

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