



REQUEST FOR EXPRESION OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

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COUNTRY: NEPAL

NAME OF THE PROJECT: Tamakoshi V Hydroelectric Project

Loan No.: AIIB-S0261A

Assignment Title: Selection of Firm for preparation of Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) for Tamakoshi V Hydroelectric Project

Reference No: TKJVC/075-76/EOI-02

1. The Government of Nepal has applied for financing in the form of grant (the “grant”) from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) towards the project preparation of the Tamakoshi V Hydroelectric Project (“TV-HEP” or the “Project”), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
2. The consulting services (“the Services”) includes preparation of the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) for the Project that outlines the Project’s overall biodiversity strategy, including goals and objectives for mitigating and managing impacts on biodiversity around the project location. The overall scope of the consulting service is briefly outlined as follows:
 - Critical Habitat Assessment
 - Consultation and Partnership Building Strategy
 - Mitigation Strategy including Reforestation Strategy and Aquatic Biodiversity
 - Biodiversity Action Plan

This assignment should be completed within 3 months from contract signature. The detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and other related documents/information for this assignment is available at www.nea.org.np.

3. Tamakoshi Jalvidyut Company Ltd. (TKJVCL) 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 (*descriptions, organization and employee and of the firm or company, description of assignments of similar nature completed and their location, experience in similar conditions. Key personnel will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage*). The shortlisting criteria are:
 - Management Competence of the consulting firm;
 - Technical Competence of the consulting firm;
 - Geographical Competence of the consulting firm.

4. Interested consulting firms must provide information in the form of brochures, description of completed similar assignments, and availability of appropriate professional staff etc. indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. Such information must also include a brief description of the firm together with the organization structure and staffing. In particular, the information must include experience of the firm in biodiversity conservation with international experience in critical habitat assessment and preparation of

BAP for large infrastructure projects in line with Multilateral Bank Standard. The consulting firms must provide information on jobs undertaken in the past five (5) years giving a brief description of each job undertaken, the funding source(s), amount of contract and information on the employer. The firm's experience must be supported by completion certificates issued by their client.

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section II, paragraph 4.4 of the AIIB's Interim Operational Directives on Procurement Instructions for Recipient (PIR) June 2016, setting forth the AIIB'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 (JV) and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a JV, all partners in the JV shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
7. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality Based Selection (QBS) method set out in the PIR.
8. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (1000 to 1700 hours).
9. Expression of Interest (Eoi) must be delivered along with one (1) original set; one (1) duplicate (One copy in hardcopy and another copy in USB drive as softcopy to the address below (in person or by courier) by 12:00 hours Nepal Standard Time (NST) on 20th March 2019. Any submission later than the above mentioned time will not be considered for evaluation.

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