

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” (IRFSP)

CONSULTING SERVICES; QUALITY AND COST-BASED SELECTION

GEF GRANT - 2000001401

The Republic of Armenia has received a Grant from Global Environmental Facility (GEF) 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***. GEF Grant is being implemented within the context of IRFSP.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the preparation of 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.** Identification the need of restoration activities in the selected areas and consequently - approval or revision of selected sites from the action. Identification of new candidate restoration sites, mapping and development of investment plans advising on the types of investments per site, the bills of quantity, the implementation process and the involvement of the community. **C.** Implementation Assistance.

“Rural Areas Economic Development Programmes Implementation Unit” SA /PIU/ invites all interested Consulting Firms to submit Expressions of Interest to participate in the upcoming tender for the selection of a Consulting Firm for the implementation of assignment. Interested Consulting Firm should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. A Consulting Firm shall submit only one expression of interest whether alone or as part of a Joint Venture.

The expression of interest should be in the form published with the Terms of Reference at the following address:
<https://raed.am/procurement/adstatements.html> **and should comprise the following:**

- 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)

No CVs are required at this stage

The shortlisting criteria are:

- a) Experience in research and implementation of projects in the fields of land degradation, landscape restoration and/or recultivation 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: in situ actions (not solely desk study project reports) are preferred. (at least 1 similar project in recent 5 years, preferably in Armenia) – max. 35 points;
- c) 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/recultivation methodologies, and plant management techniques contributing to LR (at least 1 similar project in recent 5 years) – max. 35 points;

The minimum acceptable passing score in order for a Consulting Firm to be shortlisted is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to the “Revised IFAD Policy on Preventing Fraud and Corruption in its Activities and Operations”

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Qualification and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in IFAD' Project Procurement Guidelines – September 2010 or any update to the above whenever published.

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.

. For more information or clarifications, please write to procurement@raed.am. Clarifications should be received at most 7 days before the deadline and the answers will be published online at www.raed.am .

The Expressions of Interest should be submitted at the below mentioned address on or before 18:00 hrs. on 27 April 2020.

“Rural Areas Economic Development Programmes Implementation Unit” SA

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