



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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Uttarakhand Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Project

For Assignment Title: Environmental Audit Exercise in Water Supply Schemes under URWSSP.

Reference No: 2881 /SP-27/WC-I (vii)/ 2013

The Government of Uttarakhand has received financing from World Bank towards the cost of the Uttarakhand Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting service “**Environmental Audit Exercise in water supply Schemes under URWSSP**” including detail reports for environmental Audit as per Environment Management Framework (EMF) prepared and mainstreamed into the project operations, through participatory rural appraisals, field visits, sanitary survey, water testing etc to understand:

1. Extent of compliance to EMF achieved in the project and comment on the conformance to Environmental Regulations of the Government of India, Government of Uttarakhand and World Bank Safeguards Policies.
2. Effectiveness of application of the EMF and identify weaknesses, if any.
3. Comment on the adequacy and accuracy of the EMF prepared for this project in identifying potential environmental risks and its user friendliness to non-experts in determining effective mitigation measures to safeguard the environment and communities from the assessed adverse implications.
4. Suggest improvements in the EMF, operational procedures, institutional set-up or any other aspect that would contribute towards enhancement of the effectiveness of environment safeguards component in rural water supply projects.
5. Determine of shortcomings, if any, in the capacity of the project’s environment team in aspects such as assessment skills, management capacities, activity coordination, monitoring, documentation, record keeping, etc. and suggest strategies for improving the same.

The Project Management Unit-SWAJAL Project, Uttarakhand 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 qualification and relevant experience to perform the services. The short listing criteria are:

(i) Age of the firm (ii) Number of suitable branch Engineers such as Environmental Engineering, Public Health Engineering, Civil Engineering, etc. with at least 10 years’ experience in the environment sector associated with the firm (ii) Number of B.Tech or equivalent degree engineers in civil, public health, environmental engineering or any related field; or a post graduate degree in environmental sciences or related field with at least 3 years’ experience (iv) Completed similar assignment since last three year (i.e. from 1st April, 2011). (v) Experience of working in similar geographical area and (vi) Average annual turnover in last three financial year.

The attention of interested firms is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s guidelines : Selection and Employment of Consultants(Under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants) by World Bank Borrowers dated January, 2011(“ Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firm in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the qualification & cost based selection-Lump-sum method set out in the consultant guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hour from 1000 to 1700 hours on all working days. Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below in person, or by post by 12-04-2015.

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