



THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MINISTRY OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENT

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Country: UGANDA

Name of the Project: INVESTING IN FORESTS AND PROTECTED AREAS FOR CLIMATE -SMART DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Project ID No.: 170466

Assignment Title: CONSULTANCY SERVICES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOODLOTS ON PRIVATE LAND TO ENHANCE THE SUPPLY OF TIMBER, POLES AND OTHER PLANTATION PRODUCTS

Reference No: MWE/CONS/2021-2022/00047

1. The Government of Uganda has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Investing in Forests and Protected Areas for Climate Smart Development (IFPA-CD) Project¹ and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The project is being implemented by the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE, Lead Agency), the Uganda Wildlife Authority and the National Forestry Authority with the involvement of the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities in tourism-related activities and the Office of the Prime Minister in activities in the refugee-affected areas.
2. The IFPA-CD Project Development Objective (is to improve sustainable management of forests and protected areas and increase benefits to communities from forests in target landscapes. One of the activities of the IFPA-CD project is to assist residents of host communities in refugee-hosting areas to develop small-scale commercial woodlots on private land.
3. The consulting services (“the Services”) include the design and implementation of a support package to facilitate the development of small-scale commercial woodlots to enhance the supply of timber, poles, fuel and other plantation products in refugee-affected districts of northwestern and western Uganda. The Services will be provided over a period of 48 (forty-eight) calendar months in 18 districts (Adjumani, Amuru, Arua, Hoima, Kagadi, Kakumiro, Kamwenge, Kibaale, Kikuube, Kiryandongo, Koboko, Kyegegwa, Lamwo, Madi Okollo, Moyo, Obongi, Terego and Yumbe). The aim is to support the establishment of woodlots of average size 0.25

¹ <https://www.mwe.go.ug/library/ifpa-cd-project-appraisal-document-pad>

ha covering 4 percent of rural households (HHs) in the targeted districts, for a total of at least 9,750 ha.

4. The Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <https://www.mwe.go.ug/library/tendersprocurement>
5. The MWE 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 as set out in the TOR. The shortlisting criteria are:
 - a) Demonstrated experience of at least three (3) assignments managing large-scale rural development programs, at least one (1) of which should have been in Sub-Saharan Africa.
 - b) At least ten (10) years of experience in the forestry and natural resources sector in the East Africa region, including decentralized, multi-district projects.
 - c) Specific experience in results-oriented forestry programs, the operational use of GIS for resource mapping and activity monitoring, and the market engagement of rural communities.
 - d) Demonstrated experience in working effectively with national institutions, including Government ministries, research institutions, and decentralized government authorities.

The Qualifications and Experience of Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage

6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” dated November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
7. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in 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.
8. A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations
9. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (09:00 to 16:00 hours) Monday to Friday
10. Expressions of Interest clearly marked with the Assignment Title (one original plus three copies) must be delivered in written form to the addresses below either in person or by e-mail:

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11. Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is 15th July 2022 at 14:00 hours Ugandan time.

NOTE: This selection is limited to firms (ref section 7.16 of the Procurement Regulations); non-profit and governmental organizations may not apply as lead consultants – they can be included as sub-consultants only. NGOs may only apply singly or as JVs if they operate as commercial entities and meet the conditions in section 3.23b of the Procurement Regulations.