

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTANT SERVICES)**

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1. The Government of Nepal has received the FCPF grant from the World Bank toward the cost of Nepal REDD Readiness Preparation Program and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the following consulting service.
Analytical Study on Assessing the Value of Forests, the Political Economy of Land Use and the Carbon Emissions from the Drivers of Deforestation and Forest Degradation: The overall objective of the study is to provide a comprehensive assessment of the value of Nepal's forest, analyze the political economy of land use in Nepal and assess the carbon emissions from the key nine drivers of DD identified by the R-PP and other relevant studies. Assessing strategic options and developing programs to address the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation will be a key activity during the REDD readiness phase.
2. The REDD Forestry and Climate Change Cell now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services [company profile, brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. with supporting documents to substantiate the information provided in the EOI]. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The association/consortium shall be in the form of joint venture (JV) or intended JV where all the JV members shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment.
3. A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 (Consultant Guidelines) adopting selection method of "Quality- And Cost- Based Selection (QCBS)". The consulting firms will be evaluated and short-listed based on the approved evaluation criteria that are broadly based on the following categories.
A. Eligibility Criteria
 - i) Valid registration certificate; ii) Tax clearance or renewal of tax certificate; iii) VAT/PAN registration certificate (For international consultants to be submitted at the time of contract signing); iv) consulting firm must be registered for last THREE years; v) legally binding joint venture agreement in case of applying in joint venture and vi) Fulfilment of the Bank's Conflict of Interest criteria

B. Ranking Criteria for

S. No.	Criteria/Sub-criteria	Weight	Points
1	General Experiences	20%	20
a.	Number of Projects Completed Successfully		
2	Specific/Similar/Relevant Experiences (each completed project not less than value of USD 0.03 million)	60%	60
a.	Number of completed projects related to System of National Accounting (SNA)/Green Accounting		
b.	Number of completed projects related to land use planning		
c.	Number of completed projects related to assessing the drivers of DD		
d.	Number of completed projects related to the assessment of carbon emissions		
3	Organizational setup of the consulting firm	20%	20
a.	Office set up and Establishment		
b.	Office organization and Management		
c.	Annual Turnover in USD.(best TWO years of last THREE years)		

- 4 Expression of Interest must be clearly marked "Expression of Interest (EOI) for consulting services for **FCPF/REDD/S/QCBS-4: Analytical Study on Assessing the Value of Forests, the Political Economy of Land Use and the Carbon Emissions from the Drivers of DD**
- 5 The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's Consultant Guidelines, setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
- 6 Interested Consultants may obtain further information and TORs at the address below during office hours from 10 AM to 4 PM; alternatively TORs can also be downloaded from REDD Cell website: www.mofsc-redd.gov.np
- 7 Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 26 March, 2013 before **4:00 PM**

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