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Ministry of Commerce
Nepal-India Regional Trade and Transport Project (NIRTTP)
Project Coordination Office, Bhadrakali, Kathmandu

Request for Expressions of Interest (REoI)

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Project: Nepal-India Regional Trade and Transport Project (NIRTTP)
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Assignment Titles

1. International Phytosanitary Expert Consultancy Services on Review and Assessment of Phytosanitary System in Nepal and Recommendations-Individual Consultancy Services (Intermittent) (1) (NIRTTP/PCO/PPD/S/IND-44), International.
2. Study on traditional trans-border trade, SPS issues and its management- Individual Consultancy Services (Intermittent) (1) (NIRTTP/PCO/PPD/S/IND-43), National.
3. Consulting Services for Pest Surveillance in six major agricultural crops and in three major medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) of Nepal, NIRTTP/PCO/PPD/S/QCBS-45.

Government of Nepal (GON) has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA), towards the cost of Nepal-India Regional Trade and Transport Project (NIRTTP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for Consulting Services related to improvement of Phytosanitary systems, and study on traditional trans-border trade and SPS issues.

The NIRTTP of Ministry of Commerce and the Plant Protection Directorate of Ministry of Agriculture Development now invites eligible International and National Consultants (for assignment 1 and 2) and firms (for assignment 3) to express the interest in providing the above mentioned services. Interested consultants and firms must provide information demonstrating pertinent qualifications to perform the required services i.e. profile, description of similar assignments, experiences in similar conditions and adherence with key professionals. The short listing will be carried out based on the academic qualification and work experience in the related field as specified in the respective TORs.

1. **Assignment Title: International Phyto-sanitary Consultancy Services** (Intermittent) (1) (NIRTTP/PCO/PPD/S/IND-44), International, (Individual).

Key Qualifications:

i. Ph.D in any branch of Plant Protection with at least 20 years' experience in the field of Plant Protection. Specific working experiences of at least 5 years as Senior level expert or management in the field of plant quarantine policies, phytosanitary systems and quarantine procedures is required. Specific working experiences for more than 5 years will be preferred.
ii. Working experience in phyto-sanitary capacity building in areas of plant health & quarantine; export inspection & phyto-sanitary certification; pest surveillance including pest-free areas; pest risk analysis; and phyto-sanitary treatments;
iii. Participation in setting international standards for phyto-sanitary measures established by the IPPC under aegis of FAO and regional plant protection/quarantine meetings convened by Asia & Pacific Plant Protection Commission; and bilateral meetings of trade negotiations is required;
iv. Working experience in rendering international expert consultancy in the areas of Plant Protection/Quarantine with international organizations such as FAO/WTO etc

2. **Assignment Title: Consultant to Study Traditional Trans-border Trade** – SPS Issues and Its Management (Intermittent) (1) (NIRTTP/PCO/PPD/S/IND-43), National, (Individual).

Key Qualifications:

i. Minimum Master Degree in Economics, International Trade or Agricultural Trade or Master Degree in Agricultural Science with 5 years experience in the field of agricultural trade.
ii. Minimum of five years institutional experience on research works on Nepalese agriculture, foreign trade, and agricultural and trade regulations or procedures on SPS and foreign trade-related issues.
iii. Minimum working experience with special assignments from at least five clients from the government and international non-government organizations in the areas of agricultural trade, trade flows and or SPS related issues.
iv. Track records of successful completion research project assignments with descriptions of the outcomes of such research works.

3. **Assignment Title: Consulting Services for Pest Surveillance in six major agricultural crops and three major medicinal and aromatic plants (MAPs) of Nepal** NIRTTP/PCO/PPD/S/QCBS-45, National, (Firm).

Key Qualifications:

i. Minimum of five years institutional experience on research or development works on Nepalese agriculture, Plant protection/plant quarantine, and agricultural trade regulations or procedures on SPS related issues.
ii. Minimum working experience with special assignments from five clients from the government and international non-government organizations in the areas of agricultural trade, trade flows and or SPS related issues.
iii. Track records of successful completion research projects in the past five years with descriptions of the outcomes of such research works.
iv. Having permanent associates, experts like Entomologist, Plant Pathologist and qualified temporary resource persons who are having master degree with at least 10 years of experience in related fields, proven track records of research, extension and training and quality of technical leadership.

The attention of interested Consultants and 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 January, 2011, Revised 2014 ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In case of No. 3 assignment, the consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Selection based on (QCBS) Method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

This REoI notice and ToRs can be downloaded from our websites: www.ppdnepal.gov.np/www.moc.gov.np. Interested consultants and firms may obtain further information by sending email to the address below or visiting during office hours from 11:00 to 15:00 hrs. In case of No. 3 assignment, only the short listed firms will be provided with the Request for Proposal (RFP) to submit detailed technical and financial proposals.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form (in person /by mail / by e-mail) to the address below no later than 15:00 hrs, 15 days from the first advertisement date of publication.

Method to Submit Application

Interested candidates and firms are requested to handover their EoI with profiles and CV to the Project Coordination Office, Nepal-India Regional Trade and Transport Project, Bhadrakali, Kathmandu or to Plant Protection Directorate, Hariharbhawan, Lalitpur or submit via **nirttp.2013@gmail.com** or sharmadilli.2018@gmail.com; dineshtiwari22@gmail.com

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