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## **REDD+ Readiness Project in Belize**

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, FORESTRY, THE ENVIRONMENT,  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND IMMIGRATION (MAFFESDI)**

**Request for Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services**

**(Individual Consultant)**

**Communications Officer for the REDD+ Readiness Project**

**Grant No: P152415/TF018492**

### **Background**

The Government of Belize with the assistance of the World Bank is implementing the project entitled “Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) Readiness Project in Belize” with Grant funding from the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility “FCPF” and has appointed the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration (MAFFESDI) for the overall implementation of the Project with the fiduciary support provided by the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT). The Government of Belize intends to apply part of the proceeds of the grant to payments under the contract for this Consultancy.

REDD+ and PACT now invites eligible consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. In submitting Expression of Interest, consultants should provide information demonstrating that he/she has the required and relevant experience to perform the services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Professional level of education in Communications, Public Relations, Journalism or other related field;
2. Proven experience in communications or another substantive area is required;
3. Proven experience in development of communication assistance or related work for a donor organization, governmental institutions, NGO or private sector;
4. Proven experience working with local and indigenous communities in Belize, and knowledge about their cultural aspects, is an advantage;
5. Proven knowledge of Forest Conservation, Sustainable Forest Management, REDD+ in Belize is an advantage.
6. Proven knowledge and experience with Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Acrobat, InDesign (or similar design software);

7. Basic knowledge of photography;
8. Ability to use video cameras and develop basic video stories for media communication; and
9. Excellent in written and verbal English skills;

The attention of interested consultants 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 July 2014* ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration policy on "Employment of Public officers as consultants."

The Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on Consultants' Qualification method set out in the World Bank Consultant Guidelines.

Interested consultants can request the Terms of Reference by email at [redprocurement.officer@pactbelize.org](mailto:redprocurement.officer@pactbelize.org)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, mail, fax or e-mail) by **3:00 p.m. on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018** to:

REDD+ Procurement Officer  
Protected Areas Conservation Trust  
3 Mango Street  
Belmopan, Cayo District  
Tel: 822-3637  
[redprocurement.officer@pactbelize.org](mailto:redprocurement.officer@pactbelize.org)

The sealed envelope containing the Expression of Interest must include the name and address of the applicant and should be clearly marked:

**"COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER FOR THE REDD+ READINESS PROJECT IN BELIZE"**

REDD+ Readiness Project and PACT shall not be bound to defray any costs incurred by applicants in preparing and submitting statements of capability.