



REDD+ Readiness Project in Belize Project

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

Request for Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services

(Firm Selection)

Consultancy for the Development of a Forest Reference Emission Level or Forest Reference Level of Belize under the REDD+ Readiness Project in Belize

Grant No: P152415/ TF018492

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 Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. In submitting its Expression of Interest, Firms should provide information demonstrating that it has the required and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Proven experience with similar work (Development of a Forest Reference Emission Level or Forest Reference Level), mainly in Central America and Caribbean regions; Preference will be given to firms that have conducted or are conducting similar work in Belize as related to GHGi and FREL preparation;
2. Proven experience and clear understanding of REDD+ rules and process as agreed under the UNFCCC and The Paris Agreement;
3. Proven knowledge and understanding of the 2006 IPCC Good Practice Guidelines in AFOLU Sector; strong knowledge and understanding on how to estimate Emission Factors from raw field data; proven experience in activities related to the development of GHGi in other countries as well as experience related to the development of FREL;

4. Proven experience of more than five (5) years in capacity building REDD+ programs related to AFOLU sector GHG inventory development aiming to develop FREL Report as required by UNFCCC; have a strong understanding of all UNFCCC decisions related to FREL development.
5. Firm or Team members should have proven experience to analyze existing biomass information from permanent sample plots and other sources, in order to calculate carbon stock estimates for the different Land Uses.

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 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 and Sustainable Development policy on "Employment of Public officers as consultants."

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

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, mail, fax or e-mail) by ***4:00 p.m. (local Belize time) on Tuesday 27th November 2018*** to:

REDD+ Procurement Officer
Protected Areas Conservation Trust
3 Mango Street
Belmopan, Cayo District
Belize C.A.
Tel: 501-822-3637
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The sealed envelope containing the Expression of Interest must include the name and address of the applicant and should be clearly marked:

"CONSULTANCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FOREST REFERENCE EMISSION LEVEL OR A FOREST REFERENCE LEVEL OF BELIZE UNDER 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.