



MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION OF KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS PROJECT (KBA)

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

Request for Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services

(Firm Selection)

Grant No: P130474

Consultancy:

- i. *Preparation of a Comprehensive National Water Quality Monitoring Programme and Protocol.*
- ii. *Implement a Water Quality Monitoring Programme in one of the six KBAs to assess aquatic threats to freshwater biodiversity.*
- iii. *Revision and Updating of the Department of the Environment and the Coastal Zone Management Authority's Water Quality Laboratory Manual.*

The Government of Belize with the assistance of the World Bank is implementing the project entitled "Management and Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas in Belize (KBA)" with Grant funding from the Global Environment Facility "GEF" and has appointed the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry and Sustainable Development (MAFFESD) for the overall implementation of the Project with the fiduciary support of 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.

The detailed terms of reference for the consultancy can be requested from procurementofficer@pactbelize.org.

KBA and PACT now invite eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. In submitting its Expression of Interest, a firm should provide information demonstrating that it has the required and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. The firm's experience in conducting similar assignments.
2. A member of the firm has at least a Bachelor's Degree in an Environmental Chemistry or related science with 5 years of experience in water quality monitoring for biological and habitat monitoring including methodologies, manual and protocol development and laboratory protocol and procedures.
3. The firm has a Biologist with at least a Bachelor's Degree in Biology or aquatic ecology or related field with 5 years of experience in ecological assessment.
4. Experience in the natural resource management sector in Belize is an asset.

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.

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

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in the English language and emailed to procurementofficer@pactbelize.org by 4:00 pm on Monday 7th January 2019.

The sealed envelope containing the Expression of Interest must include the name and address of the applicant and should be clearly marked with the title of the consultancy for which they are applying.

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