



Technical Advisory/ Consultation Services Independent Expert Appraisal Group

Background

The Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) is a statutory organization established in 1996 as a Trust Fund under the Protected Areas Conservation Trust Act, No.15 of 1995. PACT contributes to the financing, sourced nationally and internationally, of the Belize National Protected Areas System (BNPAS) - a system that is managed by Government Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, and Community Based Organizations. In April 2018, the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT) approved its Conservation Investment Strategy 2018-2021. This 3-year Conservation Investment Strategy (CIS) shall guide the investments made by PACT in the BNPAS to maximize impacts and the achievement of desired outcomes. In ensuring such investments are sound and enhancing the transparency of its investment allocation process, PACT is interested in co-opting external independent technical expertise.

Services Description:

PACT is interested in identifying a roster of technical experts to form an Independent Expert Appraisal Group (IEAG). On a needs basis, experts shall provide independent technical evaluation and counsel to PACT and potential investment partners on the rationalization, feasibility and development of sound Investment Programs in accordance with PACT's funding strategy and policies as well as national development strategies. Furthermore, the IEAG shall recommend where actions are necessary for the mitigation of potential environmental, social or gender mainstreaming risks associated with such investment programs in the BNPAS.

PACT is now inviting expressions of interest from eligible individuals with expertise in any of the following general areas:

1. **Terrestrial Ecosystems Management**
2. **Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Management**
3. **Protected Areas/Biodiversity Regulatory Compliance and Enforcement**
4. **Environmental Management**
5. **Climate Change**
6. **Environmental/ Biodiversity Data Management**
7. **Social and Gender Management**

Individuals will be selected in accordance to the following criteria:

- Minimum of a Graduate Degree in a field related to area of expertise;
- Relevant work experience of at least five (5) years in area of expertise; previous service in a technical or advisory role would be an asset;
- Good understanding of the Belize National Protected Areas System, National Sustainable Development Goals and other National Planning and Governance instruments is an asset;
- Solid interpersonal, written and oral communication skills.

PACT will provide the full Terms of Reference (TOR) upon request to the Human Resources and Administration Manager at hram@pactbelize.org. Interested individuals should submit a package clearly marked "Independent Expert Appraisal Group", including a cover letter indicating the expert area of their interest, résumé, and a list of two referees (names and contact information only) to hram@pactbelize.org no later than 12:00 a.m. on May 17, 2019. PACT shall not be bound to defray any costs incurred by applicants in preparing and submitting expressions of interest.