



Consultancy Services to undertake a Feasibility Study and provide a legal and operational framework for advancing Concessionary Arrangements within Protected Areas of Belize

Request for Expressions of Interest

Background:

The purpose of the Belize National Protected Areas System (BNPAS) Act is to provide for the coordinated management of a system of protected areas based on best available scientific information and the principles of sustainable development for the economic, social and environmental benefit of present and future generations of Belize. In line with the pursuance of greater economic and social benefits from the NPAS, financial mechanisms such as concession arrangements are utilized to support the sustainability of the system. However, the legal and technical arrangements for concessions in Protected Areas remain for the most part Ad-hoc. There is therefore an existing need for analysis of the existing legal and technical aspects in the management of concessionary arrangements within protected areas towards the design and in-cooperation of a consolidated strategic framework. A feasibility assessment of existing structure and the implementation of a strategic framework is a necessary requirement towards improved management of the BNPAS.

Services Description:

PACT is interested in identifying a team of Consultants or Consulting Firm to undertake a feasibility assessment for the implementation of concession arrangements with in the BNPAS. The objectives of this consultancy are to evaluate the existing legal, technical, socio-economic and operational frameworks governing concession arrangements, develop recommendations for improvements in efficiency and expansion of benefits from concessions at the regulatory and operational levels, and to determine the viability of implementing these recommendations to enhance the existing framework for concessions in protected areas. The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of approximately sixteen (16) weeks.

The Consulting Team/ Firm is expected to include at maximum four (4) members with expertise in the following or related areas:

1. **Financial/ Business Development**
2. **Environmental Economics**
3. **Protected Areas Planning and Development**
4. **Legal and Institutional Analysis**

Professional and Skill Requirements:

- Minimum of a Graduate Degree in a field related to area of expertise;
- Relevant work experience of at least five (8) years in area of expertise;
- Professional experience performing feasibility studies and/or other similar initiatives, protected areas planning and development and previous knowledge/experience in nature-based non-extractive operations in the Belize National Protected Areas System would be strong asset.

PACT now invites interested eligible consulting teams/firms to submit expression of interest indicating competence and relevant experience within the conservation sector and similar consultancies. Packages should include:

1. Expression of Interest
2. Curriculum Vitae (for each individual consultant)

For more information on this consultancy service or the procurement process interested consulting teams/firms may do so via email to hram@pactbelize.org. Interested Teams/Firms should submit packages (soft and hard copy) to the address below no later than **4:00pm (Belize time) on Friday August 9th, 2019**.

Sealed Envelopes should be addressed to:

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Protected Areas Conservation Trust
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Email: ed@pactbelize.org
Re: Expression of Interest - Feasibility Study for Concessions in Protected Areas