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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)**

**Social Expert 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. Master’s Degree related to Social Sciences and Humanities including Social Work, Sociology, Psychology, Education, Communication, Anthropology or a similar field;
2. Have at least 10 years of experience in social assessment in developing countries;
3. Familiarity with social issues associated with forests in the Central American Region and the Caribbean;
4. Familiarity with the World Bank (WB) Social Safeguard Policies;
5. Knowledgeable about REDD+ and at least 3 to 5 years working experience in the implementation of REDD+ related activities in Belize or in the region;
6. Knowledgeable about climate change issues, forest/natural resources management, environmental management and rural and social development;
7. Demonstrated ability to work with diverse stakeholders in particular, demonstrated track record of having worked with Indigenous Communities in Belize or Central America;

8. Demonstrate expertise working with local leaders' capacity building of at least 3 years;
9. Experience working in programme/projects teams in a multi-disciplinary environment; and
10. Knowledge of GIS/Remote Sensing will be considered an asset.

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 the Individual 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 **4:00 p.m. on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020** to:

REDD+ Procurement Officer  
Protected Areas Conservation Trust  
3 Mango Street, Belmopan  
Cayo District, Belize C.A.  
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:

**"SOCIAL EXPERT 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.