Government of Nepal

Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation

REDD Forestry and Climate Change Cell

Grant No: TF094724: Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Readiness Fund

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTANT SERVICES)

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1. The Government of Nepal has received the FCPF grant from the World Bank toward the cost of Nepal REDD Readiness Preparation Program and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the following consulting service.

**Development of REDD+ Strategy for Nepal- FCPF/REDD/S/QCBS-20:** The general objective of this assignment is to develop REDD+ Strategy for Nepal, as guided by the framework attached in Annex A of the TOR.

1. The REDD Forestry and Climate Change Cell now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services [company profile, brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. with supporting documents to substantiate the information provided in the EOI]. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The association/consortium shall be in the form of joint venture (JV) or intended JV where all the JV members shall be jointly and severely liable for the entire assignment.
2. A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers](http://www.worldbank.org/html/opr/consult/contents.html) , January 2011 (Consultant Guidelines) adopting selection method of “ Quality - and Cost- Based Selection (QCBS)“. The consulting firms will be evaluated and short-listed based on the approved evaluation criteria that are broadly based on the following categories.
3. **Eligibility Criteria**

i) Valid registration certificate; ii) Tax clearance or renewal of tax certificate; iii) VAT/PAN registration certificate (For international consultants to be submitted at the time of contract signing); iv) consulting firm must be registered for last THREE years; v) legally binding joint venture agreement in case of applying in joint venture and vi) Fulfilment of the Bank's Conflict of Interest criteria

1. **Ranking Criteria for**

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| **S. No.** | **Criteria/Sub-criteria** | **Points** |
| **1** | **General Experiences** | **20** |
|  a. | Number of Projects Completed Successfully  |  |
| **2** | **Specific/Similar/Relevant Experiences (each completed project not less than value of USD 0.03 million) in following 4 thematic areas**  | **60** |
|  a. | Number of completed projects related to national forestry sector policies and plan |  |
|  b. | Number of completed projects related to National Forest Sector Strategy Development |  |
|  c. | Number of completed projects related to addressing drivers of deforestation forest degradation |  |
| d. | Number of completed projects related to National REDD Strategy formulation |  |
| **3** | **Organizational setup of the consulting firm** | **20** |
|  a. | Office set up and Establishment |  |
|  b. | Office organization and Management |  |
|  c. | Annual Turnover in USD.(best TWO years of last THREE years) |  |

1. Expression of Interest must be clearly marked “Expression of Interest (EOI) for consulting services for Development of REDD+ Strategy for Nepal: (FCPF/REDD/S/QCBS-20)
2. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Consultant Guidelines, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
3. Interested Consultants may obtain further information and TORs at the address below during office hours from 10 AM to 4 PM; alternatively TORs can also be downloaded from REDD Cell website: [www.mofsc-redd.gov.np](http://www.mofsc-redd.gov.np)
4. Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **February 6, 2014** before **4:00 PM.**

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