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Bangladesh Forest Department
Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

Country: Bangladesh

Name of the Project: Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project

Credit No: 6325-BD

Assignment Title: Consulting Services for Market study for wood chips, saw dust and other wood products including furniture (demand and supply)

Reference No. Package no: SD-33

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the **Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Brief objectives of this assignment are:

- i) Conducting market study for wood chips, saw dust and other wood products including furniture (demand and supply);
- ii) Reviewing and recommending for updating policies and regulatory reforms to ease procedures, costs and barriers for tree growers, sawmill owners and exporters;
- iii) Developing and operationalize an online wood-based market information system, including mobile app with database of nurseries and wood processing units based on the survey (demand, supply and forecast of timber) for using by the stakeholders;
- iv) Conducting feasibility study on the adoption of forest certification of forest management e.g. Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)/ Pan-European Forest Certification (PEFC).

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and soft copy of Prescribed Format for Submission of Expression of Interest can be found at the following website: www.bforest.gov.bd.

The Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD) now invites eligible Consulting Firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consulting Firms should provide information as per Prescribed Format mentioned above that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The required qualification and experience of the firm/firms are as follows:

- A registered consulting firm with minimum 10 years of general experience and substantial experience of working in natural resource sector;
- Similar nature assignment experience i.e conducting forests/wood-based market study/survey etc. within the last 10 years from the date of submission of EOI.
- Experience of working under donor funded projects will be an added advantage;
- The consulting firm shall have sufficient and relevant managerial, financial and organizational capabilities and logistics for the assignment.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

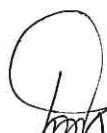
Attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 (Revised November 2017 and August 2018) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consulting Firms may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate **clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy**. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract. It is preferable to limit the maximum number of firms within 03 (three) in an association including the Lead Firm.

A Consulting Firm will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification-based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **February 27, 2022 up to 2:30 PM**.


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