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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)
(Consulting Services-Firms selection)**

Country: Bangladesh

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

Credit No: 6325-BD

Assignment Title: Consulting Services for Safeguard Training - Social and Environmental TOT for Community Members

Package no: SD-41A

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:

Strengthening the capacity of targeted communities to improve forest resource management practice complying Environmental and Social safeguard issues on Collaborative Forests and Protected Area Management, as well as community-based development activities under SUFAL Project. This will be achieved through preparing Training Manuals and Training Module to deliver training programs on Environmental and Social Safeguard and completion of 2 days training for 800 project beneficiaries from targeted Village communities. World bank guideline for Environmental and Social safeguard will be in major focus.

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 or can be obtained from the address given below.

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 on Prescribed Format issued with this REOI demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

- The firm should have minimum 10 years of general experience in consulting services sector;
- Substantial experience of the firm in similar nature task/assignment i.e., organizing and training specially in the development project. Experience in Forestry projects will be an added advantage;
- Financial capability of the firm
- Organizational, managerial, logistics and other equipment capability of the firm.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

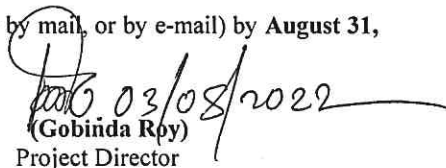
Attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 (Revised November 2017 and August 2018) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

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. Although the lead firm in the joint venture will provide the core expertise, each partner of the JV has to be reasonable qualified to take over the responsibilities and role of any of the partners that may fail to perform or withdraws.

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 **August 31, 2022 up to 3:00 PM**.


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