

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)**

INDIA

COMMUNITY LED LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Project No. P157836

Assignment Title: Hiring of an Agency to Identify “Drivers of Deforestation”.

Reference No: MBMA/CLLMP/PP/Deforestation/47/2017-18/26 d

1. The **Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA)** has applied for financing from **the World Bank** towards the cost of the **Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (CLLMP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The project will be implemented by Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA).

2. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSIGNMENT: To identify potential drivers leading to Deforestation viz. faulty agricultural practices; social & cultural practices; mining activities; industrial and other forms of developments.

3. PERIOD OF CONSULTANCY: The assignment is to be completed within a period of 1 (one) year from the date of signing the contract. The draft Terms of Reference for the assignment is available at www.mbd.gov.in

4. The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The short listing criteria are:

- 1) The firm should be in business for the last eight years.
- 2) The firm should have an average annual turnover of at least INR Two (2) crore in the last three financial years 2013-14; 2014-15 and 2015 - 2016.
- 3) The firm should have undertaken assignment on developing and strengthening the regulatory and institutional framework on Landscape Management with specific reference to the objectives under the framework laws on Landscape or any other law related to Landscape management.
- 4) Preference will be given to the firms having a prior experience of working in the state of Meghalaya or any North East States given criticality of thoroughly understanding special circumstances prevailing in the state due to its unique constitutional position. Preference would be given to those who have worked in any policy/legal /regulatory matter related to ecosystems in the state.
- 5) The firm should have track record of providing advisory consultancy services to government and reputed international organizations on any areas concerning natural resource laws.
- 6) Proven ability to work closely with government departments and coordinate with diverse government, non-governmental and quasi-governmental agencies

7) Availability of qualified experts in fields relevant to lead the proposed work.

The list of documents to be submitted along with EOI is:

- (i) Details of Work Experience/Assignments undertaken as required in the ToR to support the shortlisting criteria accompanied by completion or acceptance certificate(s)
- (ii) Self- certified details of personnel with domain expertise and experience
- (iii) Certificate from the statutory auditors/ Chartered Accountant certifying the turnover from consultancy business during the last three financial years.

5. The consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Qualification Based Selection (CQS) method set out in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers; Procurement of Goods, Works, Non-Consulting & Consulting Services, July 2016", available at www.worldbank.org. Attention of the interested agencies is drawn to paragraph 3.14 of the said Regulations relating to the Conflict of Interest.

6. Consulting firm may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The "Association" may take the form of a joint venture (with joint and several liability) or of a sub-consultancy, and this should be stated clearly in the submission.

7. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [10.00 AM – 5.00 PM]

8. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below through registered post/speed post/ courier/ by hand by **21st June, 2017 till 5 PM.**

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