



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) (hereinafter called "Borrower") has received for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) (hereinafter called "loan") toward the cost of Second Agrarian Reform Communities Project (ARCP 2). The Borrower intends to apply a portion of the funds to eligible payments under the contract for the **SECOND AGRARIAN REFORM COMMUNITIES PROJECT (ARCP 2) FOR THE PROVISION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE SERVICES UNDER THE ARCP2 - RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT** for which this Request is issued.

The DAR, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), now invites consulting/engineering firms to submit "Expression of Interest" to provide services for the **SECOND AGRARIAN REFORM COMMUNITIES PROJECT (ARCP 2)**

Name of Project: PROCUREMENT OF CONSULTING SERVICES FOR ENGINEERING QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT OF ARCP2

Brief Description:

ARCP 2 is a six (6) - year development project aimed to reduce poverty and sustain improvements in income and quality of life of target agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) and non-ARBs in 152 ARCs and 11 ARC Clusters covered by ARCP 2. The project envisions to achieve its objective through the implementation of four (4) components namely: i) Community Driven Development; ii) Agriculture and Enterprise Development; iii) Rural Infrastructure; and; iv) Project Management.

The Rural Infrastructure (RI) which has the largest component in terms of scope and fund allocation involves the provision of sustainable rural access, irrigation systems, potable water supply and social facilities. The implementation of the RI sub-projects is entrusted to the Local Government Units (LGUs) which supports the LGU Act devolving greater responsibility on the development of their respective ARCs.

ARCP2 will implement complex sub-projects such as bridges, communal irrigation or water impounding projects and level II water systems, wherein the concerned LGUs do not have the experience and technical capability for quality design, construction supervision leading to low cost maintenance and sustainable assets. It is for this purpose that the involvement of an Independent Engineering Firm for Quality Assurance (QA) on the design, implementation, and management of rural infrastructure projects is essential.

The scope of work includes but shall not be limited to: 1. Infrastructure Quality and Durability Monitoring System (IQDMS); 2. Survey, Design and Construction Quality Assurance; 3. Operation and Maintenance QA; and 4. Reporting.

Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for three years: Nineteen Million Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand Pesos (P19,712,000)
Year One : Nine Million (P 9,000,000)
Year Two : Six Million (P 6,000,000)
Year Three : Four Million Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand Pesos (P 4,712,000)

Source of Funding : Loan Proceeds from ADB
Duration of Services : Three years
Contract Duration : One year contract renewable annually for a total of three years

The list of minimum requirements is indicated in the Eligibility Form. Eligibility of prospective bidders shall be evaluated based on a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion. Short listing of eligible consulting/engineering firm will be done based on the following criteria: experience of consulting/engineering firm, technical competence and current workload. Maximum of six (6) bidders shall make up the shortlist. The evaluation procedure to be adopted shall be Quality Cost Based Selection (QCBS) under a fixed budget. For QCBS Bids, the bidder whose technical proposal passed the rate of 75% and above shall have its financial proposal opened and evaluated. The technical proposal shall carry an 80% weight while the financial proposal shall carry a 20% weight in the bid evaluation.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 with its Revised Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) and ADB Procurement Guidelines.

The schedule of activities is as follows:

	Schedule
1. Submission of Letter of Intent	Jan. 11 – Jan 18, 2010 (8:00 AM- 5:00 PM)
2. Issuance of Eligibility Forms	Jan 11 – Jan 18, 2010(8:00 AM- 5:00 PM)
3. Deadline of Submission of Eligibility Requirements	Jan. 22, 2010 (5:00 PM)
4. Opening of Eligibility Documents	Jan. 25, 2010 (9:00 AM)
5. Notice to Shortlisted Firms	Feb. 10, 2010
6. Issuance of Bid Documents	Feb. 10, 2010 – Feb. 26, 2010
7. Pre-bid Conference	Feb. 17, 2010 (1:30 AM)
8. Deadline for Submission of Bids	March 2, 2010 (5:00 PM)
9. Opening of Bids	March 3, 2010 (1:30 PM)

The Eligibility Screening Form will be available at the office of **Ms. Lilian Dionisio, Chairperson BAC Secretariat at the Ground Floor, DAR Central Office, DAR Compound, Diliman Quezon City**, upon submission of a Letter of Intent. Submission of the forms and release of the results of eligibility shall be through the same office.

The DAR assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bid. The DAR reserves the right to reject, any or all bids, and accept the most advantageous to the Government.

Approved by:

Dates of Publication:
Newspaper:

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