



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 CONSULTANCY SERVICES UNDER THE ARCP2 – SPECIAL MANAGEMENT TEAM (SMT)** which this Request is issued.

The DAR, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), now invites consulting 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 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT TEAM (SMT)

Brief Description:

With the approval of the Bank, the DAR will engage a consultancy firm - "Special Management Team" to assist the National Project Coordination Office-ARCP 2 in fast-tracking the implementation of the ARCP2 particularly in ARMM, specifically following the activities, the Team will work with the government to achieve the indicators set in the Design Monitoring Framework (DMF) for its project component:

- (A) **Well implemented CDD.** The consultant team will (i) organize communities for social capital participation and participatory detailed ARC/LGU planning; (ii) improve LGU capacity for better governance; (iii) facilitate ARCs /LGUs gain access to grants rewards allocated by the national Government for their participation in policy reforms; and (iv) assist them to develop their networks with other co-financiers to enhance their equity contribution.
- (B) **Well established AED.** The team will capacitate beneficiaries of AED in (i) improving linkages between the private sector and ARC organizations to increase investments in rural areas for growth; (ii) mobilizing community-based savings and lending groups, and (iii) completing land tenure improvement. These will enhance productivities and profitability of various agricultural commodities, establish sustainable market networks, provide easy access to rural finance as well as implement a responsive land reform programs.
- (C) **Well maintained RI.** The team will assist the Government staff to manage the rehabilitation and/or construction of the following investments: (a) critically needed inter *barangay* or farm-to-market roads (FMRs) and their associated structures (single-lane concrete bridges and low-level crossings, access trails, footpaths, and hanging foot bridges in upland areas); (b) small-flow communal irrigation schemes, water impounding projects, farm reservoirs, shallow tube wells, and drip irrigation schemes for high-value crops; (c) post-harvest facilities, warehouses and solar driers; (d) Potable water supply system (PWS) to include levels I and II¹; and (e) other public/social infrastructure, such as multipurpose buildings, tribal halls, school room units, daycare centers, *barangay* health stations, and small-scale flood protection works.

The team will update and validate subprojects proposed by each ARC/LGU, assist in mobilizing resources that can be converted into LGU equity contribution; assist LGUs to itemize expenditure categories to be financed separately by ADB, OFID, LGUs/ARCs and other financiers; organize LGUs in preparing procurement packages for various items and mode of procurements; coordinate LGUs, ARCs, Barangays and communities in the construction of various subprojects; and assist LGUs in reporting physical and financial progress of subprojects.

- (D) **Proper Project management.** The team is the additional resource to support the existing Government management structure, which will be fully mainstreamed at the regional, provincial, and local levels. Each consultant is assigned to work closely with a government staff as his/her direct counterpart. To the extent possible, the team will work closely with all project implementation and management structures that have been established within existing government institutions. The consultant team will assist the regular staff of DAR, MDFO and other stakeholders for the overall project implementation.

Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) for three years: PhP 214,190,124 (US\$ 4,656,307)

Year I : PhP74,966,543.40
Year II : PhP74,966,543.40
Year III : PhP64,257,037.20

Source of Funding : Loan Proceeds from ADB

Duration of Services : Three Years (36 months)

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. Shortlisting 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:

PARTICULARS	SCHEDULES
1. Submission of Letter of Intent	August 23, 2010 – August 27, 2010 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
2. Issuance of Eligibility Forms	August 23, 2010 – August 27, 2010 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
3. Deadline of Submission of Eligibility Requirements	September 3, 2010 (5:00 PM)
4. Opening of Eligibility Documents	September 6, 2010 (10:00 AM)
5. Notice to Shortlisted Firms	September 10, 2010
6. Issuance of Bid Documents	September 13, 2010 – September 17, 2010 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
7. Pre-bid Conference	September 20, 2010 (10:00AM)
8. Deadline for Submission of Bids	October 1, 2010 (8:00AM – 5:00PM)
9. Opening of Bids	October 3, 2010 (10:00AM)

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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