

Ministry of Agriculture & Plantation Industries
Agriculture Sector Modernization Project (ASMP)
Component 1: Value Chain Development
Agriculture, Livestock & Aquaculture Sector
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)
for the Environmental & Social Safeguard Compliance Audit

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The Agriculture Sector Modernization Project (ASMP-1) of the Ministry of Agriculture & Plantation Industries received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Component 1: Agriculture Value Chain Development. Component 1 of the Project aims to develop agriculture, livestock, and aquaculture value chains in promoting commercial and export-oriented agribusiness and value addition. In this project, it is expected to support existing and newly established farmer producer organizations and agribusinesses through a matching grant which is designed to finance projects that are locally identified through open call-for-proposals during the 07-year project implementation period.

The ASMP wishes to carry out an independent environmental and social safeguard audit on ongoing and previously completed sub-projects to review: the implementation effectiveness of current safeguard policies and instruments, assess the operational challenges related to the environment and social safeguards and recommend measures to enhance the effectiveness of safeguards work including preparation, supervision and strengthening of borrowers' capacity to manage environmental and social safeguards and application of World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework in future operations.

The proposed audit is to be carried out in sub-projects located throughout the island on a sample basis.

We are pleased to announce the initiation of a selection process for qualified consultants to conduct an Environmental & Social Compliance Audit for the sub-projects of the ASMP.

We invite interested consultants with relevant experience and expertise to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) for consideration. The selection of the consultant is based on the consultants' qualifications, ensuring that we engage consultants who possess the necessary skills and capabilities to execute the audit effectively.

Key Details:

- Purpose: Environmental & Social Compliance Compliance Audit
- Selection Method: Consultants Qualifications and Experience
- Submission Deadline: 06.05.2024

- Submission Address: 10th Floor, Agriculture Sector Modernization Project, ‘Sethsiripaya’, Stage II, Battaramulla
- Contact Person: Procurement Specialist, Contact No. +94714925660, E Mail: janakal99@yahoo.com

Interested consultants are requested to provide the following information as part of their Expression of Interest:

1. Company Profile
2. Details of Relevant Experience: experience in similar assignments in the last 10 years.
2. Qualifications of Key Experts (based on CVs)
3. Proposed Methodology including references
4. Last 5 years audited financial statements: turnover and turnover from similar assignments

We encourage consultants to familiarize themselves with our organization and the scope of work before submitting their EOIs. Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from the Project Management Unit by email: asmp1pd@gmail.com or viewed at the Ministry Website www.plantation.gov.lk till 06th of May 2024.

The selection process is based on the Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS) method in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants* under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers January 2011, Revised July 2014 – ‘Consultancy Guidelines’.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: 1000 to 1600 hours till 06th May 2024 at 10.00 hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below on or before 6th of May 2024, 15.00 hours. Expressions of interest should be sent under the registered post or courier service or email to asmp1pd@gmail.com.

The top left-hand corner of the envelop should indicate “**EOI for Environmental & Social Safeguard Compliance Audit**”.

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Date: 19.04.2024