

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)

Republic of Iraq
Emergency Operation for Development Project- EODP
Project ID No. P100732
Reference No: EODP – RF/C ٧٤

Preparation of ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Emergency Operation Development Projects (P100732 - EODP) & Emergency Operation Development Projects (P161010 – EODP.AF)

A. INTRODUCTION

The Republic of Iraq has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), one of the World Bank Group institutions, toward the cost of the Emergency Operation for Development Project (EODP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Emergency Operations for Development Project (EODP) is being implemented in the urban agglomerations of Tikrit, Al- Dour, Al-Alam and Al Dhuluiya located in the Salah Al-Din Governorate as well as urban agglomerations of Jallawla, As-Sadiya and Al-Azeem located in Diyala Governorate. In addition, suburban areas, villages and infrastructure across open range land may also be included for project-financed activities. EODP is expanding its support to additional municipalities such as AlAnbar, Nineveh and few others that were liberated over the past years, where immediate support to reinstate services was much needed.

The Additional Finance to the parent EODP (EODP-AF) that extend to other priority sectors expands the support further to other liberated areas. EODP-AF will therefore expand the scope and outreach of the parent EODP from electricity, water, sanitation and solid waste management, transport (roads and bridges) and health sectors to include agriculture, water resources and irrigation, municipal services and education. These newly introduced sectors would address important segments of the society who are living in lagging regions, poor, with high unemployment rates and where youth and women's employment in the agriculture is a viable one. Similarly, the improvement of municipal services and the return of the younger generations to modern schools and curricula would rehabilitate them from the nearly two years of fierce conflict and extremist ideologies.

Both EODP and EODP-AF projects are composed of ten components that focus on the following areas:

- Component (١): Restoring Electricity Infrastructure and Connectivity;
- Component (٢): Restoring Municipal Waste, Water and Sanitation Services;
- Component (٣): Restoring Transport Infrastructure;
- Component (٤): Restoring Health Services;
- Component (٥): Technical Assistance;

Component (٧): Project Management, Sensitization and Monitoring and Evaluation;
Component (٧): Restoring Agriculture Productivity;
Component (٨): Emergency repair of water control infrastructure and irrigation schemes;
Component (٩): Restoring Education Services; and,
Component (١٠): Restoring Municipal Infrastructure and Services and Preserving Cultural Heritage Assets

Although the foreseen social risks and impacts rating has been set to High, mostly because of the unstable post-conflict environment; the anticipated risks and impacts during the implementation of proposed project activities are expected to be low, small in scale and mostly site-specific characteristic of category B operation. In light of that, the project was classified as a category B and triggered four environmental and social safeguards policies, namely, OP/BP ٤,٠١ (Environmental Assessment), OP/BP ٤,١٢ (Involuntary Resettlement), OP ٤,٠٩ (Pest Management), and OP/BP ٤,١١ (Physical Cultural Resources). Since project physical footprint was unknown by the time of appraisal, as per the World Bank environmental and social safeguards requirements, the borrower (i.e. Iraq Reconstruction Fund) prepared an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and a Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF). Both the ESMF and the RPF were amply consulted upon, approved by the Bank and publicly disclosed both in Iraq and on The World Bank info shop website on due course:

<http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/347171468039025061/pdf/SFG2247-EA-P155732-Box396264B-PUBLIC-Disclosed-6-6-2016.pdf>

The ESMF has determined that three types of environmental and social assessment instruments can be used as a tool to mitigate any negative environmental or social impacts which may be associated with components ٧-١٠ activities except components ٥ and ٦. The Four types determined in the ESMF are as follows:

- No E&S instruments for sourcing for equipment
- Checklist ESMPs for activities that involve rehabilitation and repair of existing infrastructures with minor environmental and social impacts, e.g. most planned repair and reconstruction works;
- site-specific ESMPs for reconstruction works in combination with more sensitive baseline conditions
- ESIA + ESMPs for more extensive reconstruction works (e.g. involving abutments and pylons, requiring access to and/or crossing of a river) in combination with more sensitive baseline conditions;

As regards to the RPF, a resettlement action plan (full : RAP or abbreviated: ARAP) will need to be prepared when the sub-projects involve land acquisition resulting in relocation or loss of shelter, assets or access to assets, or loss of income sources or means of livelihood (private and/or communal resources), whether or not the project affected person may have to move to another location; and/or restriction of access to legally designated areas (parks or protected areas).

This present Terms of Reference (ToR) covers all the activities that will take place under all the above mentioned ٨ components that entail physical construction or installation of specific activities.

B. CORE OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The **core objective** of this assignment is to engage an experienced environmental and social safeguard Consulting Firm to prepare the appropriate safeguards instruments for the various activities for subprojects under the ten components of EODP and Additional Finance. The instruments shall be prepared in accordance with the approved ESMF and RPF and in full compliance with the World Bank safeguards policies and guidelines as well as Government of Iraq legislations.

The Consulting Firm will be required to prepare the safeguards instruments to identify the potential environmental and social impacts, including land acquisition and socio-economic impacts, labor influx issues (if any), define the necessary mitigation measures and develop a practical and effective environmental and social management and monitoring plans during rehabilitation and operation phases. The prepared safeguards instrument shall follow, but not limited to, the following key considerations:

- Be in conformity with the requirements as set forth in the ESMF and RPF, taking into consideration the environmental and social procedures of the Government of Iraq;
- Be based on information and data from the existing studies, field surveys and investigations as appropriate;
- Recognize the environmental, social, and economic impacts of the sub-projects, recommend control, mitigation and monitoring measures to be addressed during the implementation of the project;
- Ensure that no persons are affected from any possible land acquisition or includes loss of assets or access to amenities (if any);
- Ensure that any subproject will not involve any labor influx and assess if workers are locally hired
- Conduct a formal process of public participation and consultation, including public information meetings and consultation include (men and women if possible) on the scope of work for the sub-projects, and timely disclosure of draft and final instrument.
- Ensure the PMU has a GRM and is functioning

The specific **objectives of the safeguards instruments** include:

- Analysis of the present baseline conditions of the sub-projects and related environmental and social impacts;
- Identification of key environmental and social impacts, including land acquisition and impacts due to loss of assets or access to amenities of the construction and operation phases.
- Identification of mitigation measures for all expected adverse environmental and social impacts during the sub-project implementation;
- Proposal for monitoring and inspection arrangements;
- Proposal for evaluation and management arrangements;
- Identification and description of capacity building requirements and approach;
- Integration of the public environmental and social interests and concerns into the project design, implementation and operation; and
- Analysis of the current GRM of the PMU and assessment of the capacity of its staff and provide any suggestions to enhance its performance.
- Identify the source of workers needed for the subproject and analyze if labor influx issue might be an issue.

The ReFAATO/PCU now 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 Consultant shall possess prior experience in implementation in similar environments. Previous provision of services Iraq shall be an added advantage.

The Consultant is expected to have staff with appropriate experience in managing similar services. Experience in similar conditions is essential and regional experience would also be an advantage. The Consultant is encouraged to try to make use of local resources by association with local consulting firms/individuals, while still taking the full responsibility as the leader.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A consultant will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s [*Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers*](#) (January ٢٠١١ revised on July ٢٠١٤), Quality- and Cost-Based (**QCBS**) selection method

Interested consultancies may obtain further information at the address below during office hours (٠٩:٠٠ to ١٤:٠٠ hours) Baghdad local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by July ١st, ٢٠١٨ ١١:٠٠ AM Baghdad local time.

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