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ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

Ministry of Agriculture & Livestock



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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Country: Bhutan

Name of Project: Accelerate Bhutan's Jobs Transformation Through Renewable Natural Resource Value Chains (P506825)

Assignment Title: Hiring of National Individual Consultant (**Food Technology Expert**) for the Evaluation of Business Plans under the Productive Partnerships

1. **Background and Context**

   The Royal Government of Bhutan (RGoB), with support from the World Bank, is implementing the *Renewable Natural Resources (RNR) Value chains Project*, which includes Component 2: Productive Partnerships (PP). The Productive Partnerships component aims to promote commercially viable, inclusive, and sustainable partnerships among farmers, Producer Organizations (POs), cooperatives, agribusinesses, and private sector actors across priority agriculture, livestock, and forestry value chains.

   Under this component, eligible partnerships submit Business Plans (BPs) for competitive selection and grant support. To ensure transparency, technical rigor, economic soundness, and independence in the selection process, an Independent Evaluation Committee (IEC) is constituted. The Terms of Reference (ToR) defines the mandate, responsibilities, composition, and evaluation framework applicable to Food Technology Expert.

2. **Scope of Services**

   2.1. Review assigned Business Plans in detail prior to evaluation meetings.
   2.2. Assess proposals objectively using the approved common scoring framework.
   2.3. Participate in IEC meetings, presentations, and technical deliberations.
   2.4. Score proposals independently and contribute to consolidated scoring and ranking.
   2.5. Provide clear, evidence-based justifications for scores and recommendations.
   2.6. Support consensus-based decision-making while maintaining independent professional judgment.
   2.7. Uphold the highest standards of professional ethics, confidentiality, and integrity.
   2.8. Work location is based in Thimphu.

3. **Duration and estimate of services**

   3.1. The engagement shall be short-term and intermittent, linked to Business Plan evaluation cycles.
   3.2. Level of effort shall depend on the number of proposals.

4. **Selection procedures**

   The PMU, MoAL now invites the eligible Applicants to submit the Expressions of Interests (EoI) for providing these services. The Interested Applicants need to provide information

demonstrating that s/he has the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services. The selection criteria is provided in the Terms of Reference:

4.1. **Qualifications**

A strong educational background with a minimum of Bachelor's degree as mentioned in the Terms of Reference.

4.2. **Experiences**

Should demonstrate knowledge, competencies and professional work experience of minimum of five (05) years as per the Terms of Reference.

5. Applicants are required to submit only their Expressions of Interest (EOI), comprising of a CV (including experiences with duties and responsibilities), Portfolio of past experience and a cover letter describing briefly the reasons that the applicant considers him/her-self best suited to perform the assignment.

6. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, February 2025" ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

7. Detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) and other information will be available upon request from the address provided below either through email or in person. ToR is also available in **www.moal.gov.bt**

8. The consultant will be selected following the Selection of *Individual Consultant* method of the World Bank Procurement Regulations.

9. Only Expression of Interest needs to be submitted (either through e-mail or in person or by mail) to the following address by **13:00 hours** on or before **December 4, 2026**. Please clearly mention "Expression of Interest (EoI) for Selection of Consultant as mentioned below in the e-mail's subject line or on the top of the envelope.

9.1. Food Technology Expert

10. The project reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EoIs without assigning any reasons.

11. For any clarifications, please contact the following during office hours

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