



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

Regional Program on Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighborhood Policy East Countries and Russia (ENPI FLEG II). Grant No.: P131138

Assignment Title: ENPI FLEG II Consultant firm for reviewing best practices and cases of legal and sustainable forest use by local forest-dependent communities. Reference No.: RUS/CQS/1

The International Union for Nature Conservation (IUCN) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Regional Program on Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighborhood Policy East Countries and Russia (ENPI/East FLEG II), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include **reviewing best practices and cases of legal and sustainable forest use by local forest-dependent communities and specifically:**

- collect and analyze the most relevant information (including data, statistics, reports, publications etc.) and examples of sustainable and legal forest use by forest-dependent communities in Russia;
- develop and fill with collected data a technical platform for the multiple carrier library of best practices and cases of sustainable and legal forest use by forest-dependent communities in Russia
- ensure library technical platform functionality and stability of work in both online and offline carriers modes;
- assist in registration of the second-level domain name in the .ru zone for promoting the library and organize web hosting of the library backup on a separate virtual server with the remote access option;
- update existing analytical reports derived from the FLEG-1 Programme on the federal, regional and local forestry legislation in the area of safeguarding rights of local citizens to access to forest resources;
- perform legal feasibility analysis of the collected best practices and cases;
- perform analysis of geographic and environmental applicability of the cases and examples;

The IUCN 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 shortlisting criteria are:

- Experience on the data search and rapid and high quality analysis.
- Strong analytical skills of the staff in the area of the forest legislation and forest governance.
- Perfect literacy in Russian and knowledge of English by the staff directly involved in the library development.
- Proven experience of databases development and maintenance.
- Familiarity with the principles and details of ENPI mechanisms and FLEG process will be an asset.

The assignment should be fulfilled within a 12-months period starting December 30, 2014.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 and 1.11 of the World Bank’s Guidelines “Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans & Grants by World Bank Borrowers” (January 2011) (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest and eligibility.

Consultants may submit their EOIs as an individual firm or in association in the form of a joint venture or – subconsultancy. All the members of the joint venture shall be jointly and severably liable for the entire assignment. However, the experience of sub-consultant will not be considered while short-listing.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selections Based on the Consultants' Qualifications (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. The best qualified and experienced firm shall be selected and only this one selected firm shall be asked to submit a combined technical and financial proposal.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.

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Expressions of interest must be delivered in the written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **December 18, 2013. Please provide reference No: RUS/CQS/1 in all your mail.**