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Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Cambodia Agricultural Sector Diversification Project
IDA Credit No. 6366 KH
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS/NGOs SELECTION)

Assignment Title: Technical Assistance For Selected Competitive and Diversified Value Chain Development
Reference No.: (MAFF-Con-4)-QCBS

The Royal Government of Cambodia (RGC) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Cambodia Agricultural Sector Diversification Project implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) as the Executive Agency (EA), the Ministry of Rural Development (MRD), the Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology (MoWARM), the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) as Implementing Agencies (IAs), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include: i) identification and support to the development of competitive and nutrition-sensitive value chains; (ii) provision of technical advice and training to value chain participants and staff of the participating Ministries as needed; and (ii) strengthening the local business-consulting industry in this domain. The initial contract will be extended for 18 months. The required skills and tentative person-month inputs for the first 18 months is attached in Annex 3 of Terms of Reference (TOR), which can be obtained by request at the address given below. The contract may be extended for the entire project period (estimated five (5) years, subject to satisfactory performance of the company as agreed during the performance reviews.

The CASDP-MAFF now invites eligible consulting services (Firms/NGOs) "The Consultant" to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experiences, suitable capacity and availability of key permanent professional staff to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

- Extensive and demonstrated professional experience of at least five years in the areas of agribusiness, rural development, food technology and safety, value chain development and other relevant areas, including in developing and transition countries, and in East Asia;
- Demonstrated experience in implementing similar assignments, supporting private sector commercialization activities, advising agribusinesses, developing farmer cooperation and connecting farmers to value chains;
- Demonstrated experience managing complex programs and technical staff.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours **from 8:00am to 12:00pm and 2:00pm to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday except Public Holidays.**

Expressions of interest must be delivered both in electronic and hard copy with clearly indicate the assignment title and reference number to the address below before 12th March 2021 at 5:30PM (Local Time).

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