



GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA

MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC GROWTH & JOB CREATION (MEGJC)

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR A GREEN CLIMATE FUND REDD+ CONSULTANCY TEAM

Implementing Entity: Climate Change Division, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation

Executing Agency: Forestry Department

Country: Jamaica

Project: Support for REDD+ Readiness Preparation in Jamaica

Grant No.: JAM-RS-003

The Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC) has received a readiness grant from the Green Climate Fund to assist Jamaica with the capacity building and planning mechanism to guide the country in becoming REDD+ ready, including the development of a REDD+ strategy. A portion of the grant will be used to engage a Consultancy firm (to include a Team Leader, Technical Lead (REDD+ Expert), REDD+ Communication Specialist and Social Safeguard and Gender Specialist). The Consultancy Firm ("Consultants") may outsource support specialists as required to support Jamaica in the development of its REDD+ Readiness Strategy.

The specific objective of the consultancy is: -

To develop a comprehensive National REDD+ Strategy for Jamaica through various studies/assessments and participatory approaches with key stakeholders in the forest sector. It will include the following activities:

- I. Support National REDD+ Readiness management arrangements;
- II. Facilitate information sharing and early dialogue (stakeholder mapping, REDD+ Communication Strategy and Plan, capacity building)
- III. Conduct a desk review of the country's existing capacity to respond to and resolve grievances and conflicts
- IV. Develop a National REDD+ Strategy and REDD+ Implementation Framework
- V. Conduct a gender assessment to inform the National REDD+ Strategy
- VI. Prepare two Draft GCF Concept Notes for REDD+ financing

The implementation period of the above-captioned project is twenty-eight months (28) months. However, the total consultancy work is **twenty-four (24) months, commencing in September 2019.**

The expressions of interest (EOI) will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- (a) The Consultancy Firm must have at least 10 years working experience in the Forest sector or in the environment field out of which at least 3-5 years in the area of REDD+. Individual team members should have the following experience:
 - The team leader should have at least seven years' experience and an advance degree (Masters) in Environmental or Natural Resource Management, Project Management, International Studies or a related discipline
 - The technical lead (REDD+ Expert) should have at least five to ten years of expertise in climate change mitigation assessments and at least an advanced degree (Masters) in Forestry, Climate Change, Natural Sciences, Environmental Policy, Carbon Finance or equivalent
 - The REDD+ Communication Specialist should have at least five years' experience in the field of journalism, communications, external relations, public affairs, public relations or corporate communications

The Social Safeguard and Gender Specialist should have at least eight years' experience in social safeguards and gender mainstreaming and an advanced degree (Masters) in Humanities, Social Sciences, Gender Studies, Development Studies or similar field
- (b) Experience working within the Caribbean region or other Small Island Developing States on forestry related projects or programmes
- (c) Demonstrate success in the development and approval of REDD+ Readiness Proposals
- (d) Proven experience with Environmental and Social assessments
- (e) Extensive knowledge and understanding of international REDD+ policy developments
- (f) Proven experience in project management and leading teams in national and international projects
- (g) Proven experience in implementing capacity building interventions with community based organisations
- (h) Proven experience in developing a REDD+ Strategy
- (i) A Communication Specialist who is a national of Jamaica

All positions will be open to equally qualified male and female applicants. Sub-contracting and/or joint submissions are allowed.

The Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC) now invites eligible Consultancy Firms to indicate their interest in undertaking this consultancy & to provide supporting documentation demonstrating the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the consultancy. Further details on the EOI can be obtained at www.megjc.gov.jm.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) should not exceed fifteen (15) pages.

The Consultancy Firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the Government of Jamaica, Handbook of Public Sector Procurement Procedures Volume 3 and 4, March 2014. It is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the policies.

Method of selection: Quality Based Cost Selection (QBCS) method set out in the Procurement Policies.

Expressions of interest (EOI) must be written in English and submitted via email in PDF format, by **3:00pm (UTC-5) on Tuesday, July 23, 2019.**

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All EOIs will be opened at 3:15 pm on July 23, 2019.

*** Firms are to note that emails over 10MB in total may not be received by the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC) IT system. Special arrangements must be made in advance with the previously named Ministry for the e-delivery of larger documents.**

The Ministry of Economic Growth & Job Creation (MEGJC) will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by applicants in connection with the preparation or delivery of the expressions of interest (EOI).