

Government of Nepal
Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation
REDD Forestry and Climate Change Cell

Grant No: TF094724: Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Readiness Fund

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTANT SERVICES)**

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1. The Government of Nepal has received the FCPF grant from the World Bank toward the cost of Nepal REDD Readiness Preparation Program and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the following consulting service.
2. In meeting the requirements of the Readiness Package Content, Nepal should come to a clear definition of carbon ownership and carbon rights. In line with this requirement, the main objective of the study is to establish a solid cross-sectorial understanding for defining forest carbon ownership and usufruct rights. Forest carbon ownership and usufruct rights should be linked to land ownership and forest tenure arrangement. These aspects should have a clear legal basis as a first step. Their implementation should be promoted by trained national/local resource persons as a second step.
3. The REDD Forestry and Climate Change Cell now invites eligible consulting firms to indicate their interest in providing consulting services for the Study of **Forest Carbon Ownership**. Interested consulting firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services [company profile, brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc. with supporting documents to substantiate the information provided in the EOI]. Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications. The association/consortium shall be in the form of joint venture (JV) or intended JV where all the JV members shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire assignment.
4. A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers](#) , January 2011 (Consultant Guidelines) adopting selection method of “Quality- And Cost- Based Selection (QCBS)“. The consulting firms will be evaluated and short-listed based on the approved evaluation criteria that are broadly based on the following categories.
 - A. **Eligibility Criteria**
 - i) Valid registration certificate; ii) Tax clearance or renewal of tax certificate; iii) VAT/PAN registration certificate (For international consultants to be submitted at the time of contract signing); iv) consulting firm must be registered for last THREE years; v) legally binding joint venture agreement in case of applying in joint venture and vi) Fulfilment of the Bank's Conflict of Interest criteria. Failure to meet the eligibility criteria means automatic disqualification.

B. Ranking Criteria for

Ranking criteria are broadly based on the following three categories.

- i) **General Experiences:** Number of Projects Completed Successfully
- ii) **Specific/Similar/Relevant Experiences** (each completed project not less than value of USD 0.02 million):
 - i) Number of completed projects related to Forest Carbon Tenure Right;
 - ii) Number of completed projects related to Environmental Justice in Natural Resource Management;
 - iii) Number of completed projects related to benefit sharing in community based forest resource management
 - iv) Number of completed projects related to Land Tenure Practice/System
- iii) **Organizational setup of the consulting firm:** office, equipment, office organization and management and annual turnover.

- 5 Expression of Interest must be clearly marked “Expression of Interest (EOI) for consulting services for **FCPF/REDD/S/QCBS-11: Forest Carbon Ownership**
- 6 The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s Consultant Guidelines, setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
- 7 Interested Consultants may obtain further information and TORs at the address below during office hours from 10 AM to 5 PM; alternatively TORs can also be downloaded from REDD Cell website: www.mofsc-redd.gov.np
- 8 Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **September 6, 2013** before **5:00 PM**

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