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RFP for Consultancy Services-WWF Pakistan

Subject:

To Develop an Ecological Profile of a selected priority area in & around Balloki Barrage

Application Submission:

Interested consultants should submit the Proposal on Application Form Available Online or can access through following Link:

<https://forms.gle/qazomXoWh7FSWcl29>

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1) INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Contract type: Consultancy and Services
Duration of assignment: 1st November 2023 – 31st December 2023

Balloki Barrage is a unique wetland habitat that provides refuge to diverse range of riverine and terrestrial wildlife species.(Ashraf et al.,2023)). The wetlands and its ecological profile of water quality, vegetation, and wildlife, offer valuable insights for conservation efforts .The site is also preferred visiting place for many of the people from the surrounding areas. Key species that are found in this area are freshwater turtle, fish, migratory and resident birds, mammals. key threats in this area includes human activities such as pollution, habitat destruction, and overfishing pose a threat to the biodiversity of the area (Pervaiz et al.,2018).

Examination of ecological characteristics of wetlands along the river Ravi, with a specific emphasis on Balloki Barrage , Shows a mix of lively ecosystems. This unique ecosystem is home to a variety of plants and animals, including vibrant flora like water lilies, bulrushes, and various species of submerged aquatic plants. Due to this immense ecological , economic importance the site and the threats it is important to monitor the state and health of ecosystem and associated biodiversity in this ecosystem should be assessed on a regular basis. Furthermore, research of such scope also provides the basis to gather evidence of positive and negative trends in the state of various indicator species that this wetland hosts. the objective of this assignment therefor is to conduct a comparative analysis of the occurrence and trend of selected components of biodiversity to serve as updated baseline for future management and conservation.

2) GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to reject or accept any proposal. The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to proceed with the implementation of any Service, in whole or in part, as described in the Proposal.
- 2) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to engage in discussions with any BIDDER to clarify responses or discuss certain issues with regards to the proposal or services requested. The WWF-PAKISTAN has no obligation to notify the other BIDDERS of the discussions, clarifications, or other information provided by a BIDDER. Any additional information required for preparation of the BID shall be distributed to all participants at the same time.
- 3) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right to award the proposal based on experience, qualification, completion date, service cost and other criteria, and not necessarily the lowest cost.
- 4) Based on the RFP BID the WWF-PAKISTAN is entitled to change/replace or omit any clause/part of the preliminary defined scope of services of the proposal. The WWF-PAKISTAN shall conduct negotiations with WWF to achieve the full compliance to the requirements.
- 5) The WWF-PAKISTAN reserves the right in the event the successful CONSULTANT fails to comply with the terms and conditions as listed, to cancel this contract and award it to another CONSULTANT without penalty or action against the WWF-PAKISTAN. The RFP does not constitute an agreement or order.
- 6) The RFP is not a binding agreement between the parties, submission of a proposal or response by a proponent is voluntary.

¹ Registered Industries are referred to as those industries that are registered with the Association of Trade & Industry of their respective industrial area/zone or with other sector specific association(s)

² Unregistered Industries are referred to as those industries which are not registered with the respective sector specific Association or association of Trade & Industry of their respective industrial area/zone

7) By submitting a bid, the BIDDER is deemed to have acknowledged all of the undertakings, specifications, terms and conditions, WWF Fraud and Corruption Prevention and Investigation Policy (Annex 2) contained in the RFP, and to be bound by them if the BID is accepted. All expenses incurred by the Bidder in connection with the preparation of its proposal are to be borne by the RFP participant, and the WWF-PAKISTAN shall not incur any obligation whatsoever toward the Bidder regardless of whether such bid is accepted or rejected.

3) PURPOSE OF CONSULTANCY

The primary objective of this consultancy is to develop an ecological profile of a selected priority area in and around Balloki Barrage. The specific emphasis of this research will be to conduct a comparative assessment of the status of biodiversity, building on the existing research and knowledge base. The study will also focus on conducting a status assessment survey of selected components of biodiversity, along with evaluating the scale of threats they face. Additionally, the consultancy will cover a stretch of two kilometers both upstream and downstream from the identified site. The assignment would also be working towards developing an eco-tourism promotion plan for this site.

Consultancy Outputs:

- Conduct a comparative review o Develop a comprehensive ecological profile of the selected priority area in and around Balloki Barrage, detailing its biodiversity, habitat characteristics, and ecological dynamics.
- Conduct a comparative assessment of the status of biodiversity for the target areas using existing research, data, and knowledge to analyze trends, patterns, and changes over time.
- Conduct detailed status assessment survey of selected components of biodiversity, including flora, fauna, and ecosystems, to evaluate their current condition, distribution, and health.
- Carry out a threat assessment to assess the type, nature and intensity of the threats faced by the selected components of biodiversity.
- Develop an eco-tourism promotion plan for the site, outlining strategies, recommendations, and initiatives for the Balloki Barrage.

4) DELIVERABLES

The consultant(s) is expected to perform the following tasks and submit the following deliverables as per the timelines mentioned in clause 5 of this RFP:

- A detailed report presenting the findings from the comparative assessment of the status of biodiversity for the target areas.
- A survey report focusing on selected components of biodiversity, including flora, fauna, and ecosystems. This report will evaluate their current condition, distribution, health, and provide recommendations based on survey findings
- A threat assessment report outlining the results of the threat assessment conducted to assess the type, nature, intensity, and impact of threats faced by the selected components of biodiversity.
- An eco-tourism plan for the Balloki Barrage site outlining strategies, recommendations, initiatives, and actionable steps to promote sustainable eco-tourism, conservation efforts, community engagement, and responsible management practices.
- Water Quality analysis of surface and groundwater of the area.

5) PROJECT/ ASSIGNMENT TIMELINE

1st November 2023 – 31st December 2023

6) REQUIREMENTS

The interested consultant(s) should meet the following criteria:

Minimum requirements

- Well-reputed firm/individual capable of undertaking the desired assignment as described in the Scope of work and at least 5–10 years of experience in the work the development sector with a proven track record of developing and implementing similar tasks
- Proven experience in conducting ecological assessments, biodiversity surveys, and habitat evaluations within similar geographic regions or ecosystems.
- Demonstrated expertise in analyzing and interpreting biodiversity data, trends, patterns, and threats to develop informed conservation strategies and management plans.
- Experience in developing and implementing eco-tourism promotion plans, sustainable tourism initiatives, and community-based conservation projects.

7) CORRESPONDENCE & SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

1. **Application Submission:**

Interested consultants should submit the Proposal on **Application Form Available Online** or can access through following Link:

<https://forms.gle/qazomXoWh7FSWcL29>

2. If Any **Queries** may send through Email by attention to the Following:

To: Faiza khan (fakhan@wwf.org.pk)

Cc: Muzzammil Ahmed (mahmed@wwf.org.pk)

The RFP submission deadline mentioned on WWF-Website.

3. Any information and responses to enquiries will be made in writing and distributed by email to all proponents. Enquiries after the foregoing deadline will not receive a response.

8) FORMAT OF THE PROPOSAL

- 1) **Application Form available at WWF-Website** - General information about the Bidder, covering ,qualification, experience and CV.
- 2) **Experience:**
 - a) **Description of the complete projects:** the list and general information about the complete projects, description of the role in the project, other accomplishments of the Consultant.
- 3) **Proposal outlining scope of consultancy service-** Description of scope and working process, stages, deliverables, exclusions, conditions, methodology
- 4) **Provide list of already developed portals**
- 5) **Service Provision Timeline** – Provide Detailed Work Plan as per Deliverable and TORs.
- 6) **Financial Proposal-** the prices shall be provided in Pak Rs, the total price must be exclusive of all types of applicable taxes

Note:

Templates of all Information is provided on Application form available at WWF-Website. Any Additional Information related to the RFP can be attached along with application Form.

9) FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The proposed prices shall be provided in PKR, the prices shall be provided in Pak Rs, the total price must be exclusive of all types of applicable taxes.

The prices will include all the Travel, Boarding & Lodging and other expenses

The Payment Term: shall be defined by the contract to be concluded between WWF -Pakistan and the consultant.

10) EVALUATION PROCESS

Applicant's proposal shall be evaluated based on Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method. Under QCBS both technical and financial proposals shall be evaluated as per following criteria against a maximum score of 100 points.

- a) Technical Proposal 70%
- b) Financial Proposal 30%

The following criteria shall be used as a basis for evaluation of technical proposals:

Qualifications (maximum 30 points)

- Experience relevant to the assignment (maximum 30 points)
- Adequacy of the proposed methodology and work plan (maximum 20 points)
- Skills & Competencies for the assignment (maximum 10 points)
- Prior experience with WWF-Pakistan (maximum 10 points)

Note: Late/ incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Only three (03) top-ranked firms will be included in the comparative process

11) DOCUMENTATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

All documents completed based on requirements of the present RFP shall be the property of the WWF- Pakistan, and shall not without the consent of the WWF-Pakistan be used, reproduced or made available to third parties beyond what is necessary in respect of the fulfilment of the Project. All documents issued and information given to the BIDDER shall be treated as confidential.

12) BUDGET

Total Budget for this activity inclusive of all taxes and Out of Pocket expenses are **Budget is PKR 1.5 MILLION.**

