RFP FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICES
WWF-PAKISTAN

SUBJECT:

Training on the on-farm management of crops & demonstration of techniques to improve water productivity for fruit orchards aimed at promoting agricultural water stewardship

Application Submission:

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

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# RFP – Consultancy Services

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1) INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Contract type: Consultancy and Services
Duration of assignment: 08 Days
Type: Firm / Individual or both

Background of Project & Assignment:
WWF-Pakistan with the financial support of FCDO, implementing a project titled, “Scaling up nature-based solutions for improving integrated water resources management and enhanced water security in Pakistan”. The project aims to pilot Nature-based Solutions (NbS) at selected locations in Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in partnership with relevant stakeholders. Water management for improving the health of natural ecosystems, better water resource management, and livelihood improvement will be outcomes of the project interventions

WWF-Pakistan under the WRAP project aims to promote agricultural water stewardship through the introduction of less water-intensive crops and improved water productivity for fruit orchards via demonstrations and trainings. In this regard, WWF-Pakistan is planning to conduct comprehensive training/demonstrations on on-farm management of crops and techniques to improve water productivity for fruit orchards. These trainings are aimed at introducing sustainable farming practices including irrigation methods and farming behaviors, with a focus on fostering agricultural water stewardship among the farming communities in Gilgit-Baltistan. Moreover, the intervention will help enhance the agricultural productivity in the region.

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 regard 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 the 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 with 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. TheRFP 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.

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 and WWF’s Environment Social & Safeguard for consultant agreement 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

a. Objective of the Consultancy:
The objectives of the consultancy are to:
1. Promote agricultural water stewardship
2. Promote sustainable farming practices.
3. Enhance on-farm water management
4. Assessing the current farming practices including irrigation methods and behaviors

b. Specific Tasks:
The trainer will be responsible for the following points during training:
1. Development of comprehensive training modules on the on-farm management of crops encompassing components from seed sowing to harvesting including but not limited to on-farm water management, sustainable weed management, sustainable irrigation techniques, and harvesting methods
2. Development of visual material (graphs/charts) covering the relevant facts and figures for the training on the on-farm management of crops
3. Imparting training via on-field demonstration
4. Development of a comprehensive training/demonstration module on the techniques to establish fruit orchards and improve water productivity for fruit orchards.
5. Development of visual material (charts/graphics) for the training and demonstration
6. Demonstration of the techniques to establish fruit orchards and improve water productivity for fruit orchards
7. Conduct pre and post-training assessments to measure the effectiveness of the training and develop a report

4) Deliverables

The deliverable for the consultancy is to:
1. Training material including modules and charts
2. Pre and post-training assessment data and report
3. Training report

5) REQUIREMENTS

a. Eligibility
The trainer should be eligible to impart comprehensive training on the on-farm management of crops and fruit orchards in the context of Gilgit-Baltistan.
b. Qualification
MSc (Hons) Agriculture/horticulture/agronomy/soil science
c. Experience
At least 05 years of relevant experience in crop management and imparting comprehensive training on the on-farm management of crops and fruit orchards in the context of Gilgit-Baltistan. Candidates with experience in trialing the less water-intensive varieties of crops (Wheat-Akbar 2019, Pea-climax, Barley-Basingo, Buckwheat-Mancan) in Gilgit-Baltistan will be preferred.

6) CORRESPONDENCE & SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

1. Application Submission:
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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.

7) FORMAT OF THE PROPOSAL

The BID submitted by the participant must be structured as per the below provided instructions:

1) Application Form available at WWF-Website - General information about the Bidder, covering qualification and experience, CV and all related Information.

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 consultancy service - Description of scope and working process, stages, deliverables, exclusions, conditions;

4) Provide template of already complete similar type of reports - the WWF-PAKISTAN may request additionally;

5) Service Provision Timeline – Provide Detailed Work Plan as per Deliverable and TORs.

6) Financial Proposal - the prices shall be provided in Pak Rs, 600,000 ONLY, the total price shall include all costs related to service provision including 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.

8) FINANCIAL PROPOSAL

The proposed prices shall be provided in PKR, 600,000 ONLY, the total price shall include all costs related to service provision including all Direct and Indirect taxes, Travel, Boarding & Lodging shall be based on actual receipt up to max Ceiling (If Any).

The consultant will submit the cost of the assignment in a lump sum, including all applicable taxes according to the Government of Pakistan and the Government of KP

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

9) 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%)
   - Detailed workplan
   - Expression of interest (EOI)
   - Company’s Profile
   - Detailed methodology

B) Financial Proposal (30%)
   - Detailed financial proposal which should be inclusive of all applicable taxes and out of pocket expenses. The financial proposal should follow a breakdown structure i.e., specifying cost(s) to each head and subhead
• Company’s registration certificate
• NTN detail(s)
• Any legal or technical certification required for the task
• Audited Accounts Report (if available) of last FY

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

10) 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.

11) BUDGET

Total Budget for this activity inclusive of all taxes and Out of Pocket expenses are **PKR 600,000 Only**