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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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Consultancy on the Climate, Soil & Water Analysis for Agriculture Crops and Stabilization of Moving Sand

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DACAAR invites interested parties (**National Consultants**) to submit their sealed proposals for provision of “Climate, Soil & Water Analysis for Agriculture Crops and Stabilization of Moving Sand“ with details specified below.

Please submit your sealed proposals to DACAAR Main Office in Street No. 12, House No. 273, Qalai -e-Fathullah, Kabul, Afghanistan. The final offer submission deadline shall be Dec 15, 2017 before 04:00 P.M local time.

The offers will be opened on December 17, 2017 at 10:00 AM in DACAAR Main Office in Kabul Province and the winner of the bidding will be notified shortly after the opening session.

About DACAAR:

DACAAR is a non-political, non-governmental, non-profit development organisation that has been working to improve the lives of the Afghan people since 1984. DACAAR works in rural areas and aims at improving rural livelihoods through sustainable activities that engage Afghan communities to be agents of their own development process. DACAAR has a main office in Kabul, with a liaison office in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Since 1989, DACAAR’s activities inside Afghanistan have expanded and are now implemented, with an integrated approach, through four thematic areas namely; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Natural Resource Management (NRM), Women’s Empowerment (WE), and Small Scale Enterprise Development (SSED). In addition to this, DACAAR is an implementing partner in the National Solidarity Programme (NSP). Over nine million Afghans across 29 of Afghanistan’s 34 provinces have benefited from DACAAR’s humanitarian and development activities since DACAAR started its operation in Afghanistan. DACAAR’s interventions primarily target vulnerable groups such as returnees, internally displaced persons and vulnerable host communities with a special focus on the most vulnerable such as youth-headed, disabled-headed and female-headed households. DACAAR uses a participatory approach to implementing projects thereby ensuring local ownership and sustainability.

DACAAR started the implementation of alternative livelihood and soil stabilization project in Nimroz province in July 2017. The province is one of the 34 provinces of Afghanistan, located in the southwestern part of the country with an area of 41,000 km² a substantial part of which is the desert area of Dashti Margo. The province contains five districts with around 649 villages, and sparse population of around 156,600 people. In accordance with the project document one of the outputs is the study of agriculture land potential, identifying limiting factors and recommending suitable system to increase agriculture products in Zaranj, Charborjak and Kang districts of Nimroz province.

Before introducing of new cropping system, irrigation methods, crop diversification and plantation of drought resistant species for sand stabilization, study of agriculture land and potential for production, identifying and analyzing of limiting factors will be carried out. The Study should be able to recommend new crops introduction, system for irrigation, cultivation, marketing and processing of agricultural produce and sand stabilization methods.

The consultant will prepare the “**Climate, Soil and Water Analysis for Agricultural Crops and Stabilization of Moving Sand**” report and provides a basis for suitability of crops for the area.

Consultant Responsibilities:

The consultancy is expected to carry out soil and water analysis for the suitability of agricultural crops, and identification and analysis of limiting factors. The Study should recommend new crops introduction, system for irrigation, cultivation, marketing and processing of agricultural produce and sand stabilization methods in the targeted areas of Nimroz province.

Tasks to be carried out by the consultancy: (*Verifiable Qualitative and Quantitative data focused*)

1. Collection of information about climate, vegetation, history of crops suitability under cultivation in the past and present, topographical information, water resources, and socio-economic status of the target area.
2. At least 5 site-specific soil sampling and analysis for EC, pH, SAR, texture, organic matter, soil nutrients, N-P-K contents and other relevant information under each district aimed at findings that ensure and suggest growing of site-specific crops.
3. Site-specific water tests for suitability of various agricultural crops based on EC, SAR and pH.
4. Meet with relevant stakeholders and Govt. Stakeholders for secondary / primary information collections.
5. Recommendations for adopting site-specific crops, crop-specific good agricultural practices and sand stabilization methods.

Reporting and Presentation of Findings:

1. The consultant shall travel to Nimroz for conducting soil and water sampling and other relevant activities.
2. The consultant will produce a comprehensive consultancy report and provide DACAAR with comprehensive guidelines and recommendations. The document should be submitted in English as well as in local language.
3. Initially after the first trip a draft report on the findings should be submitted to the following email: azizrahman@dacaar.org.
4. After comments from DACAAR has been taken into consideration in the draft report, a presentation should be given covering the outcome and most important conclusions of the consultancy in DACAAR’s Main Office.
5. Final report should be submitted as hard and soft copies (with relevant data-collection formats and photographs) in English and in local language.

Timing and duration of assignment: Total 30 days

Costs:

Costs covering materials, transportation, food and accommodation will be paid by DACAAR on actual basis.

Payment:

Payment will be made by the completion of assignment through DACAAR Main Office after submission of invoice, confirmation of DACAAR relevant Department/Unit within 15 days.

How to apply:

DACAAR invites the RFP (Request for Proposal) from relevant qualified and interested National consultancy group (s), civil society organization, Individual National consultants having an association with other experts who are interested to submit their bid as a team and have capacity, competence and eligibility to participate in this bidding process.

Interested National consultants/firms should submit a proposal to DACAAR briefly outlining:

- The consultancy should be a team comprising of three or two people with the required background and to be fit with the present TOR. Consultants should send their CVs to DACAAR.
- Proposed work-plan, and methodology.
- Detailed budget - Fixed Price item based contract
- The budget can include travel costs and DSA. Accommodation in the DACAAR's field offices / guesthouses and transportation shall be provided.
- The final decision on the consultancy assignment & experts proposed there-in, will be communicated within one (1) week of the date of submission.

Submission Procedures:

Please submit your sealed proposals to DACAAR Main Office in Street No. 12, House No. 273, Qalai -e-Fathullah, Kabul, Afghanistan.

For questions and clarifications, please contact Mr. Aziz Rahman Abubakar, NRM Specialist at azizrahman@dacaar.org. Applications sent directly to this address will not be entertained.

Taxes:

Please note that taxes are deductible for contacts valuing over 1 AFN or (equivalent in USD). This can be 2% for those with a valid business licence or 7% for those without or with invalid business licence as per the Tax laws of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

Child Labour:

DACAAR (Logistics Unit) adheres to National and International laws on child labour. DACAAR makes sure all its suppliers and vendor abide by such laws preventing child labour in all DACAAR activities countrywide.

Humanitarian Organizations:

The Humanitarian Organizations (HO) may conduct on- site visit in the contractor’s premises (or may take similar measures) to ensure compliance.

Award of the contract:

Award of contract will be based on the quality, price, capacity & potentiality of the bidders which will be decided after evaluation of the company. DACAAR reserves the right to make the decision of awarding contract.

Performance Guarantee:

The winner of the tender must deposit 10% of total contract value as a contract performance guarantee, the amount is refundable after successful completion of the contract.

Penalty:

In case of delay without logical reasons in Performance of Contract 0.5% of total cost will be charged as penalty for each official day of delay.

For more details, please visit DACAAR Logistics Unit Main Office Kabul, Sunday through Thursday, from 8:00AM to 03:00PM. Or contact on below Email Addresses:

jamal@dacaar.org OR shaker@dacaar.org

Sincerely Yours,

Head of Logistics Unit

Date: December 04, 2017

