



## **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)**

### **(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRM SELECTION)**

#### **RECRUITMENT OF A CONSULTANCY FIRM**

#### **FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF A FIRM FOR THE DEMONSTRATION OF EPR AND PLASTIC CREDIT SYSTEMS IN INDIA FOR HIRING A TRAINING & COORDINATING CONSULTANT**

**Country:** INDIA

**Project:** PLASTIC FREE RIVERS AND SEAS FOR SOUTH ASIA (PLEASE) PROJECT.

**Grant No:** D648-8S

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**Assignment Period:** 6 MONTHS  
CONSULTING FIRM RECRUITMENT WILL BE ON CONSULTANTS' QUALIFICATION SYSTEM (CQS) BASIS

**Procurement Plan No:** LK-SACEP-486442-CS-INDV

The South Asia Cooperative Environment Program (SACEP) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE) project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

Candidates should be nationals of member states of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP), which consists of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. While the leadership of SACEP and the World Bank are committed to having a diversity of candidates, women are encouraged to apply.

This assignment aims to provide hands-on exposure to regulatory frameworks, implementation practices, and stakeholder engagement mechanisms within India's operational EPR and plastic credit systems. It builds on earlier training held in Maldives and is part of SACEP's broader regional efforts to strengthen circular economy solutions for reducing plastic pollution in South Asia.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <http://sacep.org/consultancy-opportunities>

The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP), under the Plastic Free Rivers and Seas for South Asia (PLEASE) Project, invites proposals from qualified consulting firms or institutions for organizing and coordinating a field visit and training program in India focused on the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Plastic Credit systems.

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### Scope of Work

The selected consultant will be responsible for:

- Planning and coordinating stakeholder meetings and site visits with key entities such as the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MOEFCC), Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Urban Local Bodies (ULBs), Producers, Importers, and Brand Owners (PIBOs) and plastic waste processors (PWPs) recyclers, and credit standard organizations
- Managing all logistical arrangements for participants from South Asian countries.
- Organizing field visits and design and delivering interactive workshop sessions on EPR design, verification, fund flows, compliance, and plastic credit mechanisms.
- Documenting key learnings, preparing training materials, and submitting a comprehensive report with recommendations.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants should demonstrate:

- Proven experience in organizing and delivering international/regional training programs related to EPR, plastic waste management, or similar environmental themes.
- Technical expertise in EPR regulations, plastic credit certification, and stakeholder coordination.
- Familiarity with the regulatory ecosystem in India and relevant South Asian contexts.
- Strong logistical capacity and ability to deliver within the stipulated 3-4 months from award of the contract.

### Required Team Composition

The consultants for the assignment should have experience conducting similar work with multilateral/bilateral development organizations. The consultant will be required to deploy the adequate experts and staff for the tasks.

- **Team Leader / Project Manager** - (10 years work experience) - Overall coordination; client liaison; oversight of agenda delivery, reporting, and quality control.
- **EPR/Plastic Credit Technical Expert** - (7 years work experience)- Lead discussion on EPR law, policy, and compliance, and plastic credit mechanisms, and proven experience in designing and delivering workshops, practical sessions
- **Support team** - Experience in interfacing with government, local bodies, industry, and the informal sector; ensures all stakeholders are invited and engaged.

### Deliverables

- Detailed workplan and agenda, stakeholder list, and detailed itinerary in one month after signing the contract
- Field visits: A visit to India's CPCB/MoEFCC for meetings with the identified stakeholders, including visit or discussion with ULBs, PIBO, and PWPs, and a visit to a successful Plastic Credit project
- Training materials and presentations
- Photographic records
- A final report summarizing the key learnings and recommendations from the field visit and training program

## Proposal submission

The Training Service Providers are requested for submission of **technical and financial proposals as one document**. The Proposal stick to a strict page limit to a total of 50 (fifty) pages (excluding annexes). Reviewers reserve the possibility to only consider and evaluate the 50-page proposal (excluding annexes).

Technical proposal shall submit the following:

- i) Profile of the Consultant and the team profile explaining why they are the most suitable for the work (max 2 page) and their relevant experience and past similar training experience in a CV (max 3 pages) that demonstrates prior experience of designing and delivering training for high-level government officials, and private sector.
- ii) Detailed methodology and conceptual framework with expected deliverables and timelines of the training proposed based on the scope of work and key activities included in the TOR.
- iii) financial proposal shall specify a total lump sum amount essential to carry out the assignment (including a breakdown of professional fee inclusive of number of working days of selected resource persons, travel, communications). The Resource Persons/Facilitators are required to travel to the training location and attend online meetings relative to the preparation of training materials.

## Evaluation Criteria

The proposal will be evaluated according to the criteria indicated below:

- \* Relevance of the proposed program to the objectives of the TOR.
- \* Technical soundness of the proposed program.
- \* Experience of the organization in organizing similar training programs.
- \* Cost-effectiveness of the proposal.

**Methodology/ approach of the proposal – (30 points).** The Consultant shall provide a detailed approach and methodology for designing and conducting a similar nature and scale of training. Points will be awarded to affirmative compliance to the Experience indicated in the TOR.

**Experience – (20 points).** The consulting firm shall indicate a minimum of 2 traceable references relating to consulting services like this scope in the past 10 years. A brief description of the scope and scale of the work undertaken for each and the value of each contract is to be indicated.

**Team capacity – (20 points).** The Consulting Firm should demonstrate the capacity of the Resource persons / subject experts recommended to be engaged and to be utilized in the execution of the contract. Their skills, qualifications, experience, of the individual consultants should be submitted as in individual CVs.

**Financial proposal - (30 Points).** SACEP PIU will compare proposals to determine the most cost-effective offer while ensuring that the services or products meet the required specifications.

The proposal that fails to score a minimum of 70 out of a possible 100 points will not be eligible for further consideration.

The successful proposal the highest rank will be selected based on the qualification and experience (CQS basis), in accordance with the procedures set out in the *'The World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers Procurement in Investment Project Financing- Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016, Revised November 2017' and August 2018'* and as per the Financing Agreement of the project.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraph, 3.17 of the World Bank's 'Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers' (*Procurement in Investment Project Financing- Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services, July 2016 Revised November 2017 and August 2018*), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment:

*3.17 Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interests of the Borrower. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, Consultants shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:*

*d. Consultants (including their experts and other personnel, and sub-consultants), that have a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower, or of the project implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the Bank's financing, or any other party representing or acting on behalf of the Borrower, that is directly or indirectly involved in any part of:*

- i. the preparation of the TOR for the assignment;*
- ii. the selection process for the contract; or*
- iii. the supervision of the contract, may not be awarded a contract unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the contract.*

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 08.30 to 16.30 (Sri Lanka Time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail, or by e-mail) by **15<sup>th</sup> August 2025, 14.00 hrs.** Sri Lanka standard time.

All email submissions of the technical bid shall be directed to Anjalie Devaraja (Project Director) [pleaseproject@sacep.org](mailto:pleaseproject@sacep.org) with copy to [anjalie.please\\_project@sacep.org](mailto:anjalie.please_project@sacep.org)

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