



**Project Management Unit (PMU)
Guwahati Assam**

**Request for Expression of Interest (Consultancy Services for Evaluation of
APFBC & Drafting of Phase II)**

No of request: EOI No. APFBC/PMU/Evaluation/Phase II/2017

Name of the State : Assam

Consulting services : Evaluation of Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation, followed by drafting of Phase II of the project

Period of Consultancy: Six Months: For specific tasks as per TOR from **Feb'2018 to July'2018**

Assam belongs to Northeast States of India. Known worldwide for its tea-gardens and National Parks, Assam faces huge challenges regarding deforestation, economic development, biodiversity conservation, demography and social cohesion. Climate change (and its effects on Himalayan Rivers hydrology) is putting growing pressures on those key-issues.

Since 2012, Assam Forest Department is implementing a project funded by AFD (French Development Agency) that intends to address those challenges. This 5-component Assam Project on Forest and Biodiversity Conservation (APFBC) is financing plantations, biodiversity conservation actions, economic development of 200 communities and support the Assam Forest Department to adapt to its evolving missions and environment. This project shall come to an end by **31st May 2019**. Please visit website www.apfbcs.nic.in for more details on the project.

The Project Management Unit of the APFBC Society is seeking an international team of consultants, covering a large range of expertise (forestry, local development, biodiversity, livelihoods) and of background (international, Indian from outside Assam, Assamese), to conduct in 2017 an operational assessment and evaluation of the results, outputs (and impacts if possible) of this project and a feasibility study regarding a second phase that could be implemented from 2018 onwards, drawing all the necessary lessons from the first phase and from relevant experiences from other States in India.

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1. Interested agencies, firms or joint ventures, should have minimum experience of 10 years in Evaluation of Sustainable Forest and Biodiversity Conservation and Management projects as well as in drafting of Detailed Project Reports..
- 2.** The duration of the mandate will be six months The expected date of commencement of the assignment is **Feb' 2018**.
3. The APFBC Society invites Expression of Interest to provide Evaluation followed by drafting of DPR for Phase II of the Project from eligible and interested Agencies / Firms or Joint ventures having relevant project experiences. The EOI should provide adequate information indicating their credentials and qualifications, competence and resources available (brochures, description of similar consulting services, experience in similar conditions, no. of active Staff available with appropriate skills, infrastructure available and balance sheet of the last three years). Organizations should be able to commit qualified and experienced personnel for the envisaged duration of the project. The firms should not have been blacklisted or debarred by any Central, State Government or Public Sector Undertaking and / or Autonomous body during last

five years. The bidders will provide an undertaking stating that they are not blacklisted or debarred during last five years by any Agency –and any externally aided project or State or Central Govt.

4. Expression of Interests will be evaluated based on the aforesaid criteria and recruited through and in accordance with the procurement procedures in force of the World Bank Guidelines of Procurement of Consultancy Services, 2011. Request for Proposals will be issued to only short listed organizations who have submitted their Expression of Interest.
5. Expression of Interest in English language, must be submitted online at <https://assamtenders.gov.in> latest by 5 p.m IST on 30th Dec 2017.

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