

# **REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTANT FIRM SELECTION)**

## **VIETNAM**

### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT FOR THE MEKONG DELTA INTEGRATED CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS PROJECT**

Grant No.: TFA8261

**Assignment Title: Mekong Delta rural household livelihoods survey and analysis**  
**Reference No. GEF-CPMU-CS-QCBS-01**

The Government of Vietnam received a grant from Global Environment Facility (GEF) funded through World Bank (WB) to implement the Technical Assistance (TA) project for the Mekong Delta Integrated Climate Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods Project and intends to use a portion of the grant for consultant services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the Tasks of (i) Reviewing current status and supplementing the database on rural household livelihoods in the Mekong Delta; (ii) Analyzing and assessing the current status of rural household livelihoods in the Mekong Delta and orientations for transformation; (iii) Supplement and complete orientations and solutions for rural household livelihood development in the Mekong Delta; (iv) Consultation and research results dissemination.

The estimated expert man-months is about 142 months. The implementation period is expected to be 10 months, starting in February next year.

Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained at the address given below.

Central Project Office (CPO) is inviting eligible consultant firms (“Consultants”) to express their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to deliver the Services. The shortlisting criteria include:

- (i) **General experience:** The Consultant firm must provide information on relevant technical capacity and experience of the firm (or member firms in the case of a Joint Venture); core businesses and years of business; policies, procedures or standard practices adopted to promote quality; organization and management of consultant teams; how the consultant handles complaints regarding the performance of your staff or the quality of reports submitted for this assignment. The Consultant must have at least 8 years of experience in agriculture production; experience in implementing foreign investment projects will be an advantage.
- (ii) **Similar Experience:** The consultant must provide information regarding the firm's capacity and experience in management and implementation of agriculture production projects. Among those, similar contracts are defined as contracts related to designing and conducting agriculture surveys/ studies on policies and strategies for rural development etc. on multi-provincial scales (with supporting documents such as signed

contracts and/ or certificates of completion) in which the firm participate as the lead consultant (individual firm or member of a joint venture) or a sub-consultant. Significant advantage will be given to consultants whose contracts clearly state scopes of work and level of complexity similar to those of this assignment.

- (iii) Geography experience: The consultant shall provide information about relevant experience in Vietnam and/ or other South East Asia countries, especially Mekong Delta.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants should be drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" dated July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to improve their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all members in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday, 8:00 to 17:00, Hanoi time

Expressions of interest must be delivered in written form to the address below in person, or by mail, or by e-mail by 10 a.m December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Hanoi time.

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