



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS
CENTRAL OFFICE
Manila



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Consulting Services for External Resettlement Monitoring Consultant for Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation 1 (INFRA 1) Project, under ADB Financing (ADB Loan No. 4345-PHI)

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines - Department of Public Works and Highway has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank toward the cost of the External Resettlement Monitoring Consultant and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the Services that will assist and support the DPWH in executing and implementing the project's resettlement plan.
2. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is requesting Expression of Interests (EOIs) for:

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I. Consulting Services

Consultant's services will be required to support the DPWH Unified Project Management Office – Flood Control and Management Cluster (UPMO-FCMC) in the conduct of external assessment of the project's resettlement plan to be implemented and in order to ensure that the resettlement and livelihood rehabilitation objectives are being met under Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation 1 (INFRA 1) Project. A total of **42 person-months (PM)** of inputs, for national experts will be engaged. DPWH will select a consulting firm following Quality-and-Cost Based Selection (QCBS) process (80:20 ratio) in accordance with ADB Procurement Policy 2017 and the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers 2017 (as amended from time to time). The consultant's services will be financed by the ADB and the Government. The DPWH will be the executing and implementing agency (EA/IA). During the services, the Consultant will report to DPWH through the UPMO-FCMC.

II. Key Objectives

The key objectives of the External Resettlement Monitoring Consultant are as follows:

- a. To review internal monitoring report and verify internal monitoring information;
- b. To verify whether the overall resettlement objectives are being met in accordance with the RP/RIPP/REGDP, and if not, to suggest corrective measures;
- c. To assess the extent to which implementation of the RP/RIPP/REGDP complies with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS);

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- d. To identify problems or potential risks/hazards;
- e. To identify methods of responding immediately to mitigate problems and advise the DPWH accordingly; and
- f. To verify if the livelihoods and the standard of living of affected persons (APs), including those of the non-titled displaced persons, are restored and/or improved.

III. Implementation Period

External monitoring activities will be carried out for a period of 5 years on a semi-annual basis starting from the conduct of Detailed Measurement Survey until the completion of livelihood/income restoration activities. For project components where payment of compensation/allowances has been substantially completed, the external expert will also conduct a resettlement audit to verify completion of payment of compensation/allowances and hand-over of plots.

The external monitoring and evaluation experts/qualified NGOs will be composed of one team leader with extensive experience in monitoring and evaluation of resettlement activities in the country with strong ability in preparing resettlement reports. The team leader will be assisted by at least 3 specialists (one for each river basin) with expertise on land acquisition/resettlement and social development, monitoring and research methodology, and assets valuation.

The payments under this service shall be made in Lump Sum installments against deliverables. The payments will be made according to the payment schedule stated in the Terms of Reference (TOR).

3. Interested Consultants should register on the ADB Consultant Management System (CMS) where the Consulting Services Recruitment Notice (CSRN) for this project can be found. In the CSRN, the consultants shall accomplish the EOI template by providing the required information and submit to ADB CMS on or before **January 23, 2025 until 11:59 P.M. (Philippine Time)**. Relevant information pertaining to the services will be available in the CSRN.
4. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance 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 the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.
5. The Bids and Awards Committee for Consulting Services (BACCS) shall draw up the shortlist of consultants from those who submitted the Expression of Interest (EOI) on the prescribed

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deadline to ADB CMS. The shortlist shall consist of six (6) consulting firms who will be invited to submit their proposals. The shortlisting evaluation criteria and rating systems are:

- i) **Technical Competence - 60%** (must demonstrate that the firm has previous experience undertaking similar projects involving project management, construction supervision with capacity building of any infrastructure projects in the last ten (10) years);
 - ii) **Geographical Experience - 20%** (must demonstrate experience in the Philippines or any country in Southeast Asia); and
 - iii) **Management Competence - 20%** (must demonstrate that the firm has quality control and assurance system in place and project management coordination in undertaking similar consultancy services).
6. The DPWH reserves the right to reject any or all bids, annul the bidding process, or not award the contract at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
7. For further information, interested consultants may contact the following contact person during office hours (7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

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