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CONSULTANCY ON SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYSIS AND BEST PRACTICES OF PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT IN THE MALDIVES (Individual)

Request for proposal (RFP) – Single Envelope

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Section 1

Tender Sheet

Reference	Tender Reference							
No:								
1	Tender Name:							
2	Bid queries submission timeline and A	ddress:						
	Location: Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy							
	Date: 04 th July 2024 – 10 th July 2024							
	Time: 10:00am							
	Email: procurement@environment.gov.i	nv						
	CC: (islands@environment.gov.mv)							
	Telephone No: 3018300							
3	Bid Clarification Deadline and	Date:	Time:					
	Address:	11 th July						
	Location: Ministry of Climate Change,	2024						
	Environment and Energy							
4	Proposal submission deadline:	Date:		Time: 10:00am				
	Location: Ministry of Climate Change,	17 th July 2024						
	Environment and Energy - Reception							
5	Submission instruction							
	Proposals must be delivered in sealed en	velopes titled						
	"Do not Open Before 17th July 2024	at 1005 hour	s – " an	d the submitting				
	party's name and address							
	Late proposals will be rejected.							
6	Submission address							
	Procurement Section							
	Ministry of Climate Change Environmen							
	Green Building, Handhuvaree Hingun, M	Iaafannu						
	Male', 20392, Republic of Maldives							
	Email: procurement@environment.gov.n	<u>nv</u>						
	Website: www.environment.gov.mv							

	Project name: Implementing Sustainable Low and Non-Chemical Development in							
	SIDs							
7	Bid Opening:	Time: 10:05am						
	Proposals will be opened in the presence of the	Date: 17 th July 2024						
	proponents' representatives who choose to be present							
	at the address below at the time of proposal opening.							
8	Evaluation Criteria on Annex 13							
Note:								

Section 2

Instruction for Bidders

A. General Information

- 1. Introduction 1.1 This bid is opened to parties who can provide the goods/services mentioned in the tender sheet. The requirements of the goods/services have been detailed in the information sheet.
- 2. Eligible Bidders 2.1 This bid is opened to all the registered businesses.
 - 2.2 If any other parties, except those mentioned in 2.1, are eligible to propose the bid, it shall be stated in the tender sheet.
- 3. Bid Document and signing
- 3.1 The bid must comply with Annex 1 and the materials included on the bidder's checklist as one document.
- 3.2 Bids must be typed in English or Dhivehi in an easy-to-read font. Or if written by hand, it should be legible. All pages of the tender shall bear the signature and stamp of the tenderer or his designee. Each page of the tender shall also be numbered in order to indicate the number of pages.
- 3.3 3.3.1 For companies, if a person other than the Managing Director signs the bid, a copy of the "Power of Attorney" stating that the person is authorized to sign the bid should be submitted.
 - 3.3.2 For partnerships, if a person other than the managing partner of the partnerships signs the bid, a copy of the power of attorney stating that the person is authorized to sign the bid shall be submitted.
 - 3.3.3 If any person other than the Chairman of the Cooperative Societies signs the bid, a copy of the Power of Attorney stating that the person is authorized to sign the bid shall be submitted.

- 4.Number of Bids submitted
- 4.1 Each bidder may submit 1 (one) bid. If any bidder submits more than one bid, all bids submitted by that bidder will be cancelled.
- 5. Cost of preparing
 Bid
- 5.1 All expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the bid shall be borne by the bidder. The ministry shall not be responsible for any expenses incurred in this regard.
- 6. Other principles
- 6.1 If the bidder is a close relative of an employee who works in the Ministry or any affiliated office under the Ministry the bidder must disclose it in Disclaimer of Conflict of Interest form in annex 12. If such information is not disclosed the tender will be canceled without further notice.

B. Documents relating to the bid

- 7. Sections of the tender book
- 7.1 Documents related to bid are included in the list below and in amendments.
 - 7.1.1 Bid Sheet (Section-1)
 - 7.1.2 Instructions to Bidders (Section-2)
 - 7.1.3 General and Special Provisions of the Agreement (Section-3
 - 7.1.4 Annex (Section 4)
 - 7.1.5 Works Related Information (Section–5)
- 8. Clarification of informationregarding the bid
- 8.1 It is the responsibility of the Bidder to obtain any further information regarding the information contained in this Bid Book or in connection with this Bid.
- 8.2 Amendments issued in accordance with Section 9.1 shall form part of the Bid
- 9. Changes to the tender
- 9.1 If it is deemed necessary to make a change to the bid before the expiry of the bid opening period, an amendment (deduction/addition) can may be made.

10. Language used 10.1 The bidder shall prepare the bid in Dhivehi or English in in the tender accordance with the sample given with the bid.

C. Preparation of bids

- 11. Money used in 11.1 The bidder shall submit the bid price in Maldivian Currency the bid (MVR).
- 12.Proposing the 12.1 If it is a GST registered entity, the price should be inclusive price of GST. The amount paid for GST should be clearly stated.
- 13.Duration 13.1 The deadline for work should be submitted in days including holidays except Friday.
 - 13.2 The period offered for the work shall be reasonable for the performance of the work.
 - 13.3 The expiry date of the bid shall be at least 120 days from the date of submission of the bid.
 - 13.4 If the bidder has given more time than the time given by the the bid will be ,Ministry for the works specified in the bid rejected.

D. Submission of bids

- 14. How to close the 14.1 The name, address and telephone number of the bidder shall bid be written on the outside of the envelope.
 - 14.2 Bids should be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed as per the bid sheet.
- 15. Deadline for 15.1 The Bid sheet shall state the deadline for bid submission submission of bids (work or Services)
- 16. Procedure for 16.1 Bids submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. late bids
 - 16.2 Bids sent by email and fax will not be accepted.

E. Bid opening and evaluation

17. Bid opening 17.1 If the date scheduled for opening of bids is fixed as a public holiday by the Government for any reason, the opening of

bids will be held on the deadline specified in the bid sheet of the next official day.

- 17.2 Any problem with the calculation of qualifying tenders will be corrected as follows.
- 17.3 If the amount in the bid differs from the amount stated in words, the correct amount shall be deemed to be the amount in words.
- 18. Bid Evaluation
- 18.1 The Ministry reserves the right to reject bids if the required information and documents are not submitted in connection with the notice. The Ministry also reserves the right to reject incomplete bids after acceptance. The Ministry reserves the right to cancel bids if the prices offered are inadequate.
- 19. Determination of 19.1 the bidder
- The successful and unsuccessful bidders will be notified in writing. Following this notice, unsuccessful bidders shall be given 3 (three) days to submit a complaint relating to the bid. The reason for the unsuccessful bid shall be stated upon request by the complainant within this period.
- 19.2 The contract with the successful bidder shall be signed after considering the submissions and answering the questions raised by the unsuccessful bidders within the period specified in 19.1.
- 20. Selection and notification of the successful bidder
- 20.1 The agreement shall be signed after addressing the complaints and the questions raised by the unsuccessful bidders that have been submitted within the period specified in Article 19.1.
- 21. Signing the agreement
- 21.1 If the work is abandoned after signing the agreement or if the work is not completed after signing the agreement, action will be taken as per Chapter 11 of the Public Finance Regulation.
- 21.2 If the agreement is not signed within the stipulated time frame as stipulated in Chapter 11 of the Public Finance

Regulation, the decision to award this work will be canceled and action will be taken as mentioned in Chapter 11 of the Public Finance Regulation.

21.3 The amount stated in the bid sheet shall be submitted as performance guarantee.

F. securities to be Submitted

- 22. Bid Security (Excluding consultancy services)
- 22.1 The bid security of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them within 7 (seven) days from the date of notification to the successful bidder.
- 22.2 If a bidder withdraws from the bid after the opening of the bid or if the successful bidder cancels the bid after receiving the certificate of success, the bid security submitted by the bidder will be forfeited to the State.
- 23. Advance and Advance payment guarantee
- 23.1 If an advance is requested, the advance may be issued in accordance with the Public Finance Regulation.
- 23.2 Advance will be issued if the total value of the procurement exceeds MVR 250,000 (Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Rufiyaa)
- 23.3 The party shall request for advance payment within 45 (forty-five) days of signing the contract.
- 23.4 If the advance is requested for, a security or guarantee issued by a government recognized bank or financial institution established in Maldives shall be submitted as advance payment guarantee.
- 23.5 The advance shall not exceed 15% (fifteen percent) of the total contract price. The advance payment will be retained from the bills submitted during work or service performance in proportion to the total value of the contract.

- 24. Performance guarantee (Excluding consultancy services)
- 24.1 If the bid price is exceeding MVR.500,000/-, the successful bidder shall submit as performance guarantee a security or guarantee issued by a Government recognized bank or financial institution established in Maldives, excluding consultancy service.
- 24.2 If the successful bidder fails to submit the performance guarantee within the timeframe specified, the decision to award the work will be reversed and the bid security submitted by the bidder will be forfeited to the State.
- 25.Case filing and case investigation
- 25.1 Pursuant to Public Finance Regulation 11.02 filing and investigating of complaints against irregularities in a tender shall be submitted under the finance regulation circular number 13-K/CIR/2018/01 annex 17 through form PR-14.
- 25.2 As mentioned in Rule 11.02 of the Public Finance
 Regulation, irregularities in a tender shall be submitted in
 PR-14 form "Bidder Complaint Form-First Stage" in annex
 18 of Finance Circular No. 13-K/CIR/2018/01.
- 25.3 Upon submission of irregularities in a tender as per Rule 11.02 of the Public Finance Regulation, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of filing of the complaint, the matter shall be decided and the decision shall be sent to the complainant in writing under circular number 13-K/CIR/2018/01 annex 19 reply shall be prepared and notified in the PR-14 form (Response of Procurement Officer to the Tender Issue).

26.Submitting for Independent Review Committee for reconsideration

26.1 In submitting to the Independent Review Committee for administrative review of a tender as mentioned in Chapter 11.02 of the Public Finance Regulation, the tender issue shall be referred to in annex 21 of Public Finance Circular No. 13-K/CIR/2018/01 The complaint may be submitted to the Independent Review Committee through Form PR-16 (Appeal stage).

Section 3

General and special provisions of the agreement

27.Definitions	27.1	"Owner of the Work" means a place within the jurisdiction of the Ministry required to carry out the Work.
	27.2	"Contractor" means the person submitting the tender for the performance of the work.
	27.3	"Work" means the service or works described in the tender sheet.
	27.4	"Work Price" means the amount paid to the Contractor upon completion of the Work in accordance with the Agreement.
	27.5	"Agreement" means the agreement between the Employer and the Contractor regarding the work.
28. Exchange of documents	28.1	The parties to this Agreement shall give all notices to each other in connection with this Agreement, generally in the Dhivehi and English language, in writing.
	28.2	Documents sent from one party to the other shall be sent by hand or by registered post, or to the designated email address specified in the bid.
	28.3	If the parties to the agreement wish to change the address in this Agreement, either party must notify the other party in writing.
29. Assignment of work to a third party	29.1	No assignment under this Agreement may be assigned to another party.
30. Taking over of goods and services	30.1	The date and time of delivery of the materials to the Ministry shall be notified to the Contractor before the materials are delivered to the Ministry.
	30.2	Once the materials are brought to the Ministry, the contractor will take over the quantity of the materials.

30.3 The owner of work will check that the goods/services have been received as per the agreement after the Ministry takes over. If the work is completed in accordance with the specification after checking the quality, the goods/services will be deemed to have been received in accordance with the agreement. The service/goods provided in violation of the agreement will be returned.

31.Contract Duration

- 31.1 The goods/services shall be delivered within the period specified in the agreement
- 31.2 The parties shall submit a request for contract extension before expiration of the contract, in the event of force majeure or manufacturing related matter.
- 31.3 Even if an extension is requested for any reason, the extension will be granted in accordance with the Finance Rules.

32. Penalty and cancellation of agreement

- 32.1 If the work or services (excluding consultancy) are not completed within the agreed period, liquidated damages will be deducted in accordance with Article 10.65 of the Financial Rules.
- 32.2 If the total value of the bid is below MVR.5,000,000/-, the deduction shall be equal to the total value multiplied by 0.005 multiplied by the number of days exceeding the period.

Liquidated Damages = CP*0.005*LD

If the total value of the tender exceeds MVR. 5,000,000/-, the deduction shall be equal to the total value multiplied by 0.0025 multiplied by the number of days overdue.

Liquidated Damages = CP*0.0025*LD

CP (Contact Price): Total contract value

LD (Late Duration): days beyond the term of the contract

- 32.3 If the Contractor is required to pay for the period of delay, the bill submitted by the Contractor shall be paid for the remaining amount after deducting the amount specified in the bill.
- 32.4 The Ministry reserves the right to terminate the contract if the liquidated damages exceed 15% of the total cost of the work.

33. Termination of the Agreement

- 33.1 The Ministry reserves the right to cancel the contract in whole or in part if it is found that the work is not being carried out as specified in the contract.
- 33.2 If the agreement terminates for whatever reason within 3 (three) working days, both parties must sign a statement detailing the completed and unfinished work. A list of all the contractor's items on the work site must be taken within 3 (three) days. The Ministry will not be held liable for any issues with any of these matters after this period.

34. Other things

34.1 If, after signing the Agreement, the parties become aware that any law or regulation of the Government conflicts with this Agreement or if such law or regulation is enacted, this Agreement shall not be null and void. If such a provision becomes incorporated into this Agreement, both parties agree to maintain this Agreement without termination, albeit by amending such provision.

35. Taxes and other fees

35.1 Taxes, customs duties, import license fees and any other fees payable in connection with this work shall be paid by the contractor.

36. Modification of the agreement (Amendments)

36.1 Any provision of this Agreement may be modified only by agreement signed between the parties.

37. The law applicable to the agreement

37.1 This Agreement shall be governed by, and enforced in accordance with, the laws and regulations of the Republic of Maldives.

38. Dispute

- 38.1 If any dispute arising out of this Agreement cannot be resolved by negotiation between the parties, the matter shall be submitted to a court of law in Maldives.
- 38.2 Any deficiencies in this Agreement shall be resolved by negotiation between the parties. If not resolved, the case shall be referred to a court of law in Maldives.

Section 4

Annex 1 <u>Documents and checklist to be submitted by the bidder</u>

The following related documents shall be submitted for the bids to be considered sufficiently responsive.

Applicants should submit their proposals containing the following documents and applicable Technical Proposal – Standard Forms and Financial Proposal – Standard Forms under ANNEX 1.

#	Documents to be submitted	√/ x	Page No:
	Technical Proposal		
1	Proposal submission form - (Annex 2 -Tech Form 1) (signed by the owner		
	of the entity or person with power of attorney to sign)		
2	Approach, Methodology and Work Plan – (Annex 3 - Tech Form 2)		
3	A summary of the work plan must be presented in the format in Work		
	Schedule (Annex 4 - Tech Form 3) showing in the form of a bar chart the		
	timing proposed for each activity.		
4	Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the identified key Experts (Consultant). Copy of		
	academic certificates and reference letters demonstrating experiences		
	listed in this TOR (required experiences and other experiences relevant to		
	this TOR must be specified clearly or highlighted) – (Annex 5 -Tech Form 4)		
5	Completed Letter of Commitment (signed by the Specialist/Expert) -		
	(Annex 6 -Tech Form 5)		
6	Cooperative Profile Sheet issued by the Ministry of Economic Development		
	Profile taken from website: www.business.egov.mv		
7	Tax Clearance Report		
8	Documentation of conflict or non-conflict of interest – (Annex 12)		
	Financial Proposal		
9	Financial Breakdown Form – (Annex 7 -Form FIN – 1)		
10	Details of Financial Situation- (Annex 8- FIN FORM -2)		
11	Financial statements of the business for the year 2023,2022 & 2021		

12	Business entities that have not completed one year (from the date of business	
	registration to date of bid announcement) are required to submit the bank	
	statement of the business's bank account. (Bank statement should be from the	
	date of account opening to date of bid announcement)	
13	Average Annual Turnover – (Annex 9 - FIN FORM – 3)	
14	Line of Credit Letter – (Annex 10 - FIN FORM -4)	
15	Current Contract Commitments / Work in Progress –(Anne 11 -FIN FORM 5)	

Note 01: If bidder fails to submit any of the above listed document, their proposal will not be considered for further evaluation.

Annex 2 TECH FORM 1

Proposal Submission Form							
1.Bid	1.Bidder Information						
1.1	Name:						
1.2	Address:						
2. Pro	oject Informatio	n					
2.1	Project						
	Name:						
2.1	Tender No:						
3. Mi	nimum quantity	, price and duration of the good	s/ser	vices of	ffered		
Detai	1		I	Price	Gst (8%)	Total	
Dura	tion:						
4. De	claration:						
4.1	After due cons	sideration of the information giv	en fo	or the pr	ovision of	the above-	
	mentioned wo	rks/services and the provisions of	of the	e Agree	ment, I / W	e hereby tender	
	for the provision	on of these works or services at	the a	above-m	entioned p	orice.	
4.2	I / We agree to	accept and comply with this ten	nder	for 120	days from	the date of	
	submission. If	the owner requests to sign the a	gree	ment w	ithin this p	eriod, I agree to	
	sign the agreement and work in accordance with the agreement.						
5. Or	Behalf						
Nam	e:			Sign	nature	Stamp	
Desig	gnation						
Date							

Annex 3 TECH FORM 2

Approach, Methodology and Work Plan

[Technical approach, methodology and work plan are key components of this Proposal. the Consultant is suggested to submit Proposal with the following areas clearly described:

- a) Methodology for each activity,
- b) Work Plan

a) Technical Approach and Methodology

[In this chapter the Consultant should explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment, approach to the services, methodology for carrying out the activities and obtaining the expected output, and the degree of detail of such output. You should highlight the problems being addressed and their importance, and explain the technical approach you would adopt to address them. You should also explain the methodologies you propose to adopt and highlight the compatibility of those methodologies with the proposed approach.]

b) Work Plan

[In this chapter the Consultant should highlight the main activities and sub-activities of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan.]

Annex 4 TECH FORM 3

Work Schedule

CONSULTANCY ON SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYSIS AND BEST PRACTICES OF PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT IN THE MALDIVES																
Deliverables	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14	Week 15	Week

Annex 5 TECH FORM 4

	Curriculum Vitae						
1.	Name of Consultant:						
2.	Education:	[Indicate college/university and other specialized education of staff member, giving names of institutions, degrees obtained, and dates of obtainment]:					
3.	Membership of professional associations						
4.	Other Training						
5	Countries of work experience	[List countries where the Consultant has worked in the last ten years]:					
6	Languages	[For each language indicate proficiency: good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing]:					
7	Experience/ employment record	[Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held the Consultant since graduation, giving for each employment (see format here below): dates of employment, name of employing organization, positions held.] From [Month/Year] – To [Month/Year]: Employer: Positions held: Job description:					
9	Summary of projects / assignments undertaken / role Past commitments in	Name of project/ assignment: Experience classification: General / specific Scope of project/ assignment: From [Month/Year] – To [Month/Year]: Positions held: Name of the Contract/Project:					
	projects with the	From [Month/Year] – To [Month/Year]:					

Ministry	of	Positions held:
Environment,	Climate	Summary of role
Change	and	
Technology		

Annex 6 TECH FORM 5

Letter of Commitment

(Specialist / Expert)

[Location, Date]
To: [Name and address of Client]
Ref no:
Dear Sir/Madam,
I am writing to confirm my availability to provide services as the Specialist / Expert to Consultancy Service on Supply Chain Analysis and Best Practices of Pesticide Managemen in the Maldives for the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology.
I undertake, if this proposal is accepted, to complete and deliver the whole of the services assigned to me in the scope of services.
I undertake, if this proposal is accepted upon receipt of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology's notice, to commence performance of the services with due expedition and without delay.
Yours sincerely, Name: ID card No: Date: Signatory:

Note: CV should be submitted along with the supporting documents.

FIN FORM 1

Financial Breakdown Form

Date:

Reference No: (generated by the proponent)

No.	Description	Price/Unit (MVR)	Total
1	Inception meeting to demonstrate the Consultant's understanding of the assignment in accordance with the TOR and to present brief overall work plan and methodology that will be followed by the Consultant to conduct the assessment.		
2	Literature review on pertinent legislative and policy documents as well as international conventions relevant to the scope of the consultancy		
3	Prepare the draft 'Supply Chain Analysis' report which covers the identified aspects with regard to the scope of the consultancy		
4	Draft documents and Final, consolidated documents		
	Total:		
	GST 8%		

Total with GST	
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The quotation is valid for 120 days from the date of bid opening.

Indicate the total cost with detail cost to be paid in Maldivian Rufiyaa (MVR).

Note: The total contract price should be quoted inclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST) or any applicable axes as per the Tax Legislation and must be shown in the breakdown.

Authorized Signature and stamp

Annex 8

FIN FORM 2

Details of Financial Situation

If the business has been registered for more than a year bidder must fill in this form

Financial Data for Previous 3 Years [MVR Equivalent]				
	Year 2023	Year 2022	Year 2021	

Information from Balance Sheet

Total Assets		
Total Liabilities		
Net Worth		
Current Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Working Capital		

Information from Income Statement

Total Revenues		
Profits Before		
Taxes		
Profits After Taxes		

- Attached are copies of financial statements (balance sheets including all related notes, and income statements) for the last three years, as indicated above, complying with the following conditions.
 - All such documents reflect the financial situation of the Bidder.
 - Historic financial statements must be complete, including all notes to the financial statements.
 - Historic financial statements must correspond to accounting periods

FIN FORM 3 Average Annual Turnover

Each Bidder must fill in this form

Annual Turnover Data for the Last 3 Years			
Vaar	Amount	MVR	
Year	Currency	Equivalent	
2023			
2022			
2021			
Average Annual Turnover			

The information supplied should be the Annual Turnover of the Bidder in terms of the amounts billed to clients for each year for contracts in progress or completed at the end of the period reported.

FIN FORM 4

Line of Credit Letter

[letterhead of the Bank/Financing Institution/Supplier]

[date]

To:[Name and address of the Contractor]
Dear,
You have requested {name of the bank/financing institution) to establish a line of credit for the
purpose of executing {insert Name and identification of Project}.
We hereby undertake to establish a line of credit for the aforementioned purpose, in the amount
of {insert amount}, effective upon receipt of evidence that you have been selected as successful
bidder.
This line of credit will be valid through the duration of the contract awarded to you.
Authorized Signature:
Name and Title of Signatory:
Name of Agency:

FIN FORM 5

Current Contract Commitments/Works in Progress

Tenderers and each partner to a JV should provide information on their current commitments on all contracts that have been awarded, or for which a letter of intent or acceptance has been received, or for contracts approaching completion, but for which an unqualified, full completion certificate has yet to be issued.

No	Name of contract	Employer, contact address/tel/fax	Value of outstanding work (current MVR equiv)	Estimated completion date	Average monthly invoicing over last six months (MVR/month)
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					

Annex 12 DISCLAIMER FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST Each Applicant must fill in this form

Click here to enter text.

Advertisement No:	dvertisement No: Click here to enter text.			
Advertisement Date:	Click here to enter text.			
I/We, the undersigned as the bidder, submitting the tender in respect of call for captioned tender, confirm:				
• that should I/We ha	ave any "close relative" or "close	e associate" working at Mini	stry of Climate Change, Environment	
and Energy, I/We v	vill disclose that information with	this form. In this instance "o	close relative" and "close associate"	
represents the mear	ing stated in Section 19 of Regulo	ution Number: 2023/R-158 (Pa	ublic Finance Regulation);	
• that I/We will disclo	ose any conflict of interest in conn	ection to the contract with thi.	s form. A conflict of interest may arise	
in particular as a re interest;	esult of economic interests, politic	al or national affinities, or an	y other relevant connection or shared	
• that I/We will info	rm the at Ministry of Climate C	hange, Environment and En	ergy, without delay, of any situation	
constituting a confl	ict of interest or could give rise to	a conflict of interest;		
• that I/We have not number the contract;	nade, and will not to make, any of	fer of any type whatsoever fro	m which an advantage can be derived	
	pranted, sought, attempted to obta	in or accepted and will not gr	ant, seek, attempt to obtain, or accept	
			an illegal or corrupt practice, either	
	y, as an incentive or reward relati	·	• •	
• that I/We understar	nd that the at Ministry of Climate	Change, Environment and E	nergy reserves the right to verify this	
information and the	at I am/We are aware of the conse	equences which may derive fro	om any false declaration in respect of	
the information req	the information required by the awarding body as a condition of participation in the contract procedure.			
☐ YES, I/We have "close relative" or "close associate" please find the Details below.				
Name of the Staff(s):				
NID Card No.:				
Relationship with the Staf	f:			
□ NO, I/We do not have "close relative" or "close associate"				
Details of the Bidder				
Name of the Bidder:		Stamp of the Bidding		
rame of the Bidder.		Company		
Signature of the Bidder:		Date:		

Tender Name:

Criteria to be used for evaluation of bids

Technical Score

(A)Key Expert

The following criteria will be applied during the evaluation of the proposals and attention should be paid while preparing the proposals. Points will be awarded only for assignments with supporting documents.

a) Academic Qualification [20] Points for minimum Bachelor's degree in Chemical Management, Environmental Science, Sustainable Agriculture, agro-food development, agro-business or other related field. [5] points for Masters Degree and above in related field b) Professional Experience Minimum 3 years of experience in carrying out assessments in the fields of Chemical Management, Environmental Science, Sustainable Agriculture, agro-food development, agro business 3 years: 20 points, 5 years and above: 25 points Demonstrated experience in writing guidelines, technical reports and specifications assessments in the fields of Chemical management, Environmental Science, Sustainable

Note: Only the proposals that will obtain a minimum of 60% out of 100 obtainable points will be qualified for the financial evaluation.

Financial Score:

Total

100

agriculture, agro-food development, agro business

10 points per proof of assignment completed

FINANCIAL SITUATION EVALUATION

To be eligible the financial statements of the bidding party must show, minimum annual turnover of **MVR 40,000.00**, for the year 2023,2022 and 2021. (Form FIN-1 Annual Turnover)

(or)

To be eligible the financial statements of the bidding party must show, Minimum value of MVR **40,000**.00, for liquid asset, for the year 2023,2022 and 2021. – (Form FIN -2: Financial Situation)

(or)

Business entities that have not completed one year (from the date of business registration to date of bid announcement) are required to submit the bank statement of the business's bank account. (bank statement should be from the date of account opening to date of bid announcement). To be eligible the business's bank statement must show a credit balance of minimum MVR 40,000.00

(or)

If bidding party is unable to meet any of the above requirement they shall submit 'Line of Credit Letter' As per the template in fin form 4. Credit limit shall be no less than MVR 40,000.00 – (Form Fin -4: Line of Credit Letter)

The formula for determining the financial scores is the following:

Sf=100 * Fm / F, in which Sf is the financial score, Fm is the <u>lowest price</u> and F is the price of the proposal under consideration.

The weights given to the Technical and Financial Proposals are:

T = [0.6], and F = [0.4]

PRIORITY TO MSME'S

Below MVR 2,500,000

Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME's) will be assessed accordingly: The bidder with the highest ranking with a proposed price that doesn't exceed 15% of the price of the bidder with the overall highest ranking will be awarded.

Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a), bidders who belong to the same island as the project is carried out will be assessed accordingly: The bidder with the highest ranking with a proposed price that doesn't exceed 10% of the price of the bidder with the overall highest ranking will be awarded.

Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a) and (b), bidders who belong to the same atoll as the project is being carried out is checked and assessed accordingly: The bidder with the highest ranking with a proposed price that doesn't exceed 5% of the price of the bidder with the overall highest ranking will be awarded.

Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a), (b) and (c), all Maldivian bidders will be checked and assessed accordingly. The bidder with the highest ranking with the lowest proposed price will be awarded

Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a), (b), (c) and (d) all bidders will be assessed accordingly. The bidder with the highest ranking with the lowest proposed price will be awarded

Above MVR 2,500,000 – MVR 5,000,000

- (a) Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation, those bidders who belong to the same island as the project is carried out will be assessed accordingly: The bidder with the highest ranking with a proposed price that doesn't exceed 10% of the price of the bidder with the overall highest ranking will be awarded
- (b) Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a), bidders who belong to the same atoll as the project is being carried out is checked and assessed accordingly: The bidder with the highest ranking with a proposed price that doesn't exceed 5% of the price of the bidder with the overall highest ranking will be awarded.

- (c) Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a) and (b), all Maldivian bidders will be checked and assessed accordingly. The bidder with the highest ranking with the lowest proposed price will be awarded.
- (d) Among bidders who pass the technical and financial evaluation if there is no bidder as described in (a), (b) and (c), all bidders will be assessed accordingly. The bidder with the highest ranking with the lowest proposed price will be awarded.

CRITERIA ON CLASSIFYING REGIONAL BASED BUSINESS

- a) Check the bidders permanent address, if the bidder is a sole proprietorship
- b) Check the island to which the business is registered, if the bidder is not a sole proprietorship
- c) The bidder will be considered as a business working in one certain area, as per (a) and (b) accordingly:
- If the bidder is a sole proprietorship, the bidder's registered permanent address as of 1st January of the year the invitation for bid was issued will be considered OR
- If the business had been registered before the year in which the invitation for bid was issued, the island to which the business was registered as of 1st January of the year the invitation for bid was issued will be considered

OR

If the business had been registered within the year in which the invitation for bid was issued, the island to which the business was first registered will be considered.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy has overall responsibility for the management of the contract and contractual reporting obligations.

Documents and data provided by the government for the purpose of this assessment which is not of public nature shall be considered confidential and should not be disclosed to any other party.

All outputs and materials produced as part of this TOR shall be handed over to the project at the end of the contract and will become the sole property of Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy.

Obtaining any necessary visa and documents are the responsibility of the proponent. MoCCEE will only provide a visa facilitation letter if necessary.

For the workshop and trainings: invitations, catering and venue will be financed directly by the project. This cost should NOT be included in the price quotation.

For domestic travel and accommodation: land and sea travel (as per the schedule provided and agreed upon) and government approve DSA will be directly financed by the project.

Section 5 Details of services/materials/work required

Introduction and Background

The Government of Maldives has received funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for the project "Implementing Sustainable Low and non-chemical Development in SIDS (ISLANDS)". The Government of Maldives through the Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy (MCCEE) intends to apply part of the proceeds towards procuring the services of a consultant (company/partnerships/institutions/local JV/sole proprietorship) to provide consultancy as per this TOR under the caption of 'Supply Chain Analysis and Best Practices of Pesticides Management in the Maldives'

OVERALL PROJECT BACKGROUND

This project in Maldives is part of the "ISLANDS Indian Ocean Regional Project" that will be implemented by UNDP in four Small Island Developing States (SIDS): Union of Comoros, Maldives, Mauritius and Seychelles. Its objective is for each participating SIDS to prevent the future build-up of materials and chemicals entering SIDS that contain Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), mercury and other hazardous chemicals; to safely manage and dispose of existing harmful chemicals, products and materials currently present in those SIDS; and to ensure the safe management of products continuing to enter SIDS by closing the material and product loops. The ultimate objective of the project is to protect human health and the environment from the harmful effects of hazardous chemicals and wastes.

Currently, the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Welfare (MAAW) issues permits for the import of pesticides used for agricultural purposes. Based on the permits issued, the Ministry monitors and records the quantities and types of pesticides that are being imported for agricultural purposes only. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) issues permits for household insecticides (however these are not regulated by toxicity) but does not keep a list of banned household pesticides against which imports are checked. As a result, import data from MAAW does not accurately capture the total amount of pesticides being used in the country.

This project activity seeks to identify the main types and quantities of all types of pesticides (not just agricultural pesticides) that are being used in the country, on which islands these are being used, how these are being imported/transported, and how they are being utilized, through a supply chain analysis. This supply chain analysis will also look into the documentation that is required to be submitted by manufacturers/exporters of pesticides to relevant authorities like the MAAW and the Maldives Customs Service (MCS).

Objective

The pesticides supply chain of the Maldives encompasses a broad network of facilities and distribution options, both direct and indirect. This network performs the functions of procurement of pesticides, covering all the logistical nodes and points extending to the end use. In this regard, upon completion of this analysis, MCCEE aims to utilize the findings for to improve and streamline the interagency system collaboration with the relevant government ministries and agencies to achieve the following indicative objectives:

- Compare registered imports of agricultural pesticides with estimated imports of all pesticides (including those imported as household pesticides/insecticides/disinfectants)
- Review the type of documentation that is submitted by manufacturers/experts to different agencies
- Jointly propose solutions that would help both MCS and the relevant ministries in better monitoring, controlling and documenting the imports (quantities and types) of all types of pesticides
- Ensure that pesticides contained on the banned list of agricultural pesticides cannot be imported through alternative avenues.
- Design/develop standards and enforcement plan for the application and management of pesticides for the objective of ensuring safe and effective pesticide use. These includes:
 - Information requirements for Pesticides Approval: Clear definition of the necessary data and documentation needed for pesticide approval process
 - Conduct, Application and Management Standards: Specification of best practices for handling, applying and managing pesticides. This should cover the key dynamics of storage, transfer, and end-of-life disposal
- Pesticide Labelling Requirements: Outline guideline for accurate and informative pesticide labels Formulation of guidelines on the appropriate disposal of agricultural chemical wastes

TASK AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the guidance and supervision of the Project Management Unit (PMU), the International Chief Technical Expert and the International Chemicals and Hazardous Waste Expert, the Consultant will be responsible for the following deliverables as outlined:

- 1. Inception meeting to demonstrate the Consultant's understanding of the assignment in accordance with the TOR and to present brief overall work plan and methodology that will be followed by the Consultant to conduct the assessment.
- 2. Submit inception report and work plan (with detailed timeline, draft framework for survey instruments, methodology, outputs, and description of quality assurance measures). The report should include but not limited to the detailed methodology and literature review covering the following:
 - Methodology to be utilized in supply chain mapping
 - Methodology on assessing the environmental and social impacts associated
 - Methodology on assessing the economic impacts
 - Methodology on reviewing and assessing the regulatory compliance in relevance to the scope of the task
 - Methodology to be utilized on in assessing the lifecycle assessment
 - Methodology to be utilized to achieve the key deliverable of "Design/develop standards and enforcement plan for the application and management of pesticides for the objective of ensuring safe and effective pesticide use."
- 3. Literature review on pertinent legislative and policy documents as well as international conventions relevant to the scope of the consultancy
- 4. Identification of the relevant stakeholders which includes manufacturers (to the level of relevance to the task), importers, retailers, distributors and end-users.
- 5. Stakeholder engagement to gather the required information for the consultancy
- 6. Prepare the draft report which covers the following aspects with regard to the scope of the consultancy
 - Identification of general pesticides used and imported in the nation
 - Detailed supply chain mapping of pesticides
 - Comprehensive environmental and social impacts assessment including specific impacts to the vulnerable groups of the community
 - Comprehensive assessment on the economic impacts associated, including specific impacts to the vulnerable groups of the community
 - Comprehensive assessment on the regulatory compliance of the activities encompassing the scope of this consultancy
 - By considering the resource consumption, use and waste generation, formulation of a detailed lifecycle analysis

- With regard to the findings, identify inefficiencies and gaps with regard to the scope of the consultancy and propose improvements/amendments for supply chain optimization and safeguard the environmental and socioeconomic aspects associated while providing the respective trade-off analysis.
- In light of the findings and analysis of the stated deliverables; Design/develop standards and enforcement plan for the application and management of pesticides for the objective of ensuring safe and effective pesticide use. These includes the following:
 - Information requirements for Pesticides Approval: Clear definition of the necessary data and documentation needed for pesticide approval process
 - Conduct, Application and Management Standards: Specification of best practices for handling, applying and managing pesticides. This should cover the key dynamics of storage, transfer, and end-of-life disposal
 - Pesticide Labelling Requirements: Outline guideline for accurate and informative pesticide labels
- Formulation of guideline on the appropriate disposal of agricultural chemical wastes
- **7.** Share and consolidate the comments from the PMU and relevant stakeholders for the draft and submit the final report for publishing

Requirements for Experience and Qualifications

- 1. Academic qualifications:
 - Bachelor's degree in Chemical Management, Environmental Science, Sustainable Agriculture, agro-food development, agro-business or other related field. Master's degree related to these field will be an added advantage

2. Years of experience:

- Relevant experience in carrying out assessments in the fields of Chemical Management, Environmental Science, Sustainable Agriculture, agro-food development, agro business: at least 3 years;
- Relevant experience in writing guidelines, technical reports and specifications assessments in the fields of Environmental Science, Sustainable Agriculture, agro-food development, agro business

Duration of the Consultancy

Duration of the assignment is **165 Days** from the date of signing of the contract. The proposed duration would not account the period of delay brought by the client of setting up of meetings, review and approval of documents, facilitating of any relevant documents.

Deliverables & Payment Schedule

No.	Deliverables	Duration	Payment Schedule	Output
1	Inception meeting to demonstrate the Consultant's understanding of the assignment in accordance with the TOR and to present brief overall work plan and methodology that will be followed by the Consultant to conduct the assessment. Submit inception report and work plan (with detailed timeline, draft framework for survey instruments, methodology, outputs, and description of quality assurance measures). The report should include but not limited to the detailed methodology and literature review covering the following:	10 days from the contract signing	5%	Consolidated and approved, 'inception report and detailed methodology'
2	Literature review on pertinent legislative and policy documents as well as international conventions relevant to the scope of the consultancy Identification of the relevant stakeholders which includes manufacturers (to the level of relevance to the task), importers, retailers, distributors and end-users. Identification of the relevant stakeholders which includes manufacturers (to the level of relevance to the task), importers, retailers, distributors and end-users.	10 days from deliverable 1	5%	Consolidated and Approved, 'Literature review report' including the list of relevant stakeholders to the consultancy.

3	Prepare the draft 'Supply Chain Analysis' report which covers the identified aspects with regard to the scope of the consultancy	65 days from deliverable 2	20%	Draft report
	Final report 'Supply Chain Analysis'	15 days from deliverable 3	20%	Consolidated and approved, 'Supply Chain Analysis' report.
	In light of the findings and analysis of the stated deliverables; Design/develop standards and enforcement plan for the application and management of pesticides for the objective of ensuring safe and effective pesticide use. These includes the following: • Information requirements for Pesticides Approval: Clear definition of the necessary data and documentation needed for pesticide approval process • Conduct, Application and Management Standards: Specification of best practices for handling, applying and managing pesticides. This should cover the key dynamics of storage, transfer, and end-of-life disposal • Pesticide Labelling Requirements: Outline guideline for accurate and informative pesticide labels • Formulation of guidelines on the appropriate disposal of agricultural chemical wastes	Draft documents, 45 days from deliverable 4 Final, consolidated documents 20 days upon the deliverable of the draft	30%	
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