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Republic of Maldives

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CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT RESOURCE USE AND VISITORS SURVEY AT LAAMU

Requesting for proposal (RFP) – Single Envelope

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Section 1

Tender Sheet

Reference	Tender Reference							
No:								
1	Tender Name:							
	CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT RESOURCE USE AND VISITORS SURVEY AT LAAMU							
3	Bid queries submission timeline and Address:							
	Location: Ministry of Climate Change, Environn	nent and Energy						
	Date: 17/09/2024 (Tuesday)							
	Time: 12:00pm							
	Email: procurement@environment.gov.mv							
	CC: endheri@environment.gov.mv							
	Telephone No: 3018300							
5	Bid Clarification Deadline and Address:	Date:	Time:					
	Location: Ministry of Climate Change,	18/09/2024	12:00pm					
	Environment and Energy	(Wednesday)						
6	Proposal submission deadline:	Date:		Time: 10:00am				
	Location: Ministry of Climate Change,	26/09/2024 (Th	ursday)					
	Environment and Energy - Reception							
7	Submission instruction							
	Proposals must be delivered in sealed envelopes t	titled						
	"Do not Open Before 1005 hours, 26th Septem	ber 2024 " ar	nd the submitti	ng party's name and				
	address							
	Late proposals will be rejected.							
8	Submission address							
	Procurement Section							
	Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and En	.						
	Green Building, Handhuvaree Hingun, Maafannu	1						
	Male', 20392, Republic of Maldives							
	Email: procurement@environment.gov.mv							
	Website: <u>www.environment.gov.mv</u>							
	Project name: ENDhERI Project							
7	Bid Opening:		Time: 10:05a:	m				
	Proposals will be opened in the presence of the pr	roponents'	Date:26/09/20	24 (Thursday)				
	representatives who choose to be present at the ac	ddress 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. This bid is opened to all the registered businesses. 2. Eligible Bidders 2.1 2.2 If any other parties except for the parties mentioned in 2.1 are eligible for proposing the bid it will be stated in the tender sheet. 3. Bid Document and 3.1 The bid must be complied as stated in the annex 1 along with the signing documents stated in the bidder's checklist as one whole document. 3.2 Bids must be typed in English language 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 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 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 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. submitted 5.1 5. Cost of preparing All expenses incurred in preparing and submitting the bid shall be borne by the bidder. The ministry shall not be responsible for any Bid

expenses incurred in this regard.

6. Other principles

If the bidder is a close relative of an employee who works in the Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy or any Ministry under the Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy the bidder must disclose it in Disclaimer of Conflict of Interest form in annex. If such information is not disclosed the tender will be canceled without further notice.

B. Documents relating to the bid

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- 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 information regarding the bid
- 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
- 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 in the tender
- The bidder shall prepare the bid in Dhivehi or English in accordance with the sample given with the bid.

C. Preparation of bids

- 11. Money used in the bid
- 11.1 The bidder shall submit the bid price in Maldivian Currency (MVR).
- 12.Proposing the price 12.1 If it is a GST registered entity, the price should be inclusive 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 Ministry for the works specified in the bid, the bid will be rejected. D. Submission of bids 14. How to close the 14.1 The name, address and telephone number of the bidder shall be bid 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 deadline for submission of bids for this work or service will submission of bids be mentioned in the bid sheet. 16. Procedure for late 16.1 Bids submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. 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 in Dhivehi, the correct amount shall be deemed to be the amount in Dhivehi. 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 the bidder

19.1

- 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

- 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 If an advance is requested, the advance shall be requested within 45 (forty-five) days of taking over the work.
- 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 Advance shall not exceed 15% (fifteen percent) of the total cost of the work. The advance payment will be deducted from bills submitted during work or service provision in proportion to the total value of the contract.

24. Performance guarantee

- 24.1 If the bid price is above 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 for this project.
- 24.2 If the successful bidder does not submit the performance guarantee within the period given to him, the decision to award the work will be canceled and the bid security submitted by the bidder will be forfeited to the State.

25.Case filing and case investigation

- 25.1 As per the Public Finance Regulation 11.02 filing and investigating 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 the tender issue shall be ,of the Public Finance Regulation 13- .referred to in annex 21 of Public Finance Circular No K/CIR/2018/0 The complaint may be submitted to the Independent Review Committee through Form PR-1 (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 you wish to change the address in this Agreement, you 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 Work Wheeler before the materials are delivered to the Ministry.
	30.2	Once the materials are brought to the Ministry, the contractor (the Ministry) will take over the quantity of the

materials.

30.3 The owner of the 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.Contarct Duration

- 31.1 The goods/services shall be delivered within the period specified in the agreement
- 31.2 In the event of an extension of the contractor's control or a natural event/disaster or manufacturing-related matter, the event/disaster or manufacturing-related event shall be submitted to the Contractor before the expiry of the deadline.
- 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 is terminated for any reason, within 3 working days, the details of the work completed and unfinished work shall be signed by both parties. A list of all the Contractor's items at the work site shall be taken within 3 days. We cannot be held responsible for any problems with any of these items 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	\Box / \Box	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 the 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 Team Leader and Team						
	members) – (Annex 6 -Tech Form 5 & 6)						
6	Cooperative Profile Sheet issued by the Ministry of Economic Development						
	Profile taken from website: <u>www.business.egov.mv</u>						
	(If the entity is not a business (e.g., partnerships, institutions, NGOs, or any other						
	organization), please submit the registration obtained from the appropriate						
	government authority. Additionally, if the entity is not a business, approval to						
	conduct similar activities must be obtained from the relevant registered government						
	institution.)						
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: All bidders should clearly identify Key Experts (herein referred to as the 'Consultant') carrying out the task. For bids submitted by Company/Institution, the Key Experts signed in Form 5 & 6 will be considered for the evaluation process.

Note 02: If a bidder fails to submit any of the above listed documents, their proposal will not be considered for further evaluation.

Annex 2 TECH FORM 1

Proposal Submission Form							
1.Bid	der Information	1					
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		P	Price	Gst (8%)	Total	
Dura							
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 / V	Ve hereby tender	
	for the provision	on of these works or services at	the a	bove-m	entioned p	price.	
4.2	4.2 I / We agree to accept and comply with this tender for 120 days from the date of						
submission. If the owner requests to sign the agreement within this period, I agree to							
sign the agreement and work in accordance with the agreement.							
5. Or	Behalf						
Nam	e:			Sign	ature	Stamp	
Desig	gnation						
Date							
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 TO CONDUCT RESOURCE USE AND VISITORS SURVEY AT LAAMU																
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 104

Annex 5 TECH FORM 4

	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:				
8	Summary of projects / assignments undertaken / role	Name of project/ assignment: Experience classification: General / specific Scope of project/ assignment: From [Month/Year] – To [Month/Year]: Positions held:				
9	Past commitments in projects with the Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy	Name of the Contract/Project: From [Month/Year] – To [Month/Year]: Positions held: Summary of role				

TECH FORM 5

Letter of Commitment

(Team Leader)

[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 /Team Leader to CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT RESOURCE USE AND VISITORS SURVEY AT LAAMU "- for the Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy.
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 Climate Change Environment and Energy'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 of the Team Leader (CV without the supporting documents will be rejected)

TECH FORM 6

Letter of Commitment

(Team Members)

[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 (Specify) to "CONSULTANCY TO CONDUCT RESOURCE USE AND VISITORS SURVEY AT
LAAMU"- for the Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy.
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 Climate Change, Environment and Energy'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 of the Team Leader (CV without the supporting documents will be rejected)

FIN FORM 1

Financial Breakdown Form

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Reference No: (generated by the proponent)

No.	Description	Price/Unit (MVR)	Total	
1	Workplan and survey questionnaire			
2	Survey Data and maps			
3	3 Final Survey Report			
	Total:			
	GST 8%			
	Total with GST			

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

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]					
Financial Data for Flevious 3 Tears [WVR Equivalent]					
	Year 2023	Year 2022	Year 2021		
Information from Bala	ance Sheet				
Total Assets					
Total Liabilities					
Net Worth					
Current Assets					
Current Liabilities					
Working Capital					
Information from Inco	ome 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.					
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Annex 12 DISCLAIMER FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Each Applicant must fill in this form

Tender Name:	Click here to enter text.
Advertisement 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 have any "close relative" or "close associate" working at Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy, I/We will disclose that information with this form. In this instance "close relative" and "close associate" represents the meaning stated in Section 19 of Regulation Number: 2023/R-158 (Public Finance Regulation);
- that I/We will disclose any conflict of interest in connection to the contract with this form. A conflict of interest may arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinities, or any other relevant connection or shared interest;
- that I/We will inform the at Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy, without delay, of any situation constituting a conflict of interest or could give rise to a conflict of interest;
- that I/We have not made, and will not make, any offer of any type whatsoever from which an advantage can be derived under the contract;
- that I/We have not granted, sought, attempted to obtain or accepted and will not grant, seek, attempt to obtain, or accept any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, constituting an illegal or corrupt practice, either directly or indirectly, as an incentive or reward relating to the award of the contract;
- that I/We understand that the at Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy reserves the right to verify this information and that I am/We are aware of the consequences which may derive from any false declaration in respect of 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 Staff:					
□ NO , I/We do not have "close related	ive" or "close associate"				
Details of the Bidder					
Name of the Bidder: Stamp of the Bidding					
Company					
Signature of the Date:					
Bidder:					

Criteria to be used for evaluation of bids

Technical Score

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) Company, Methodology and Workplan	
Company Profile	20
Provide here a brief description of the background and organization of your company, and – in case of a joint venture (Maximum 20)	
No. of similar project / assignments	30
10 points for each documented assignment, up to a maximum of 3.	
Approach and methodology	
a) Demonstration of an understanding of the objective of the assignment in the context of the project – Maximum 10 points	10
b) Proposal on methodology on carrying out the activities – Maximum 20 points	20
Work Plan.	
a) Proposed main activities of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client and delivery dates of the reports – Maximum 10 points	10
b) Work schedule – Maximum 10 points	10
{Please outline the plan for the implementation of the main activities/tasks of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and tentative delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and	

methodology, showing your understanding of the TOR and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents (including reports) to be delivered as final output(s) should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule Form.}	
Total A=	100
(B) Project Team	
Environmental Expert (Lead Surveyor)	30
a) Minimum Master's Degree in Environmental Science, Environment Assessment or related field to carry out the works as included in the scope of the work (education certificate is required)	
b) Minimum 5 years of experience in conducting environmental assessments (marine and terrestrial) (education certificate is required)	20
or	
Minimum 2 assignments demonstrating and knowledge in conducting similar assignments (reference letters and/or submit evidence via publications).	
c)5 points for additional year or each additional assignment (Maximum 10 points)	10
GIS Expert	20
a) Minimum Bachelor's degree in GIS, landscape ecology, habitat studies, (education certificate is required),	
or	
Have acquired Esri or similar acceptable certification (certificate is required)	
b) Minimum of two (2) similar assignments in a related field or similar capacity (reference letters and/or submit evidence via publications)	10
c)5 points for each additional assignment (Maximum 10 points)	10
Total B=	100

Technical Score:

Only Specialists who meet the minimum qualification requirements will be qualified for technical evaluation.

Technical score (St) = A/100*[W1] + B/100*[W2]

Financial Score:

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]

FINANCIAL SITUATION EVALUATION

To be eligible the financial statements of the bidding party must show, minimum annual turnover of **MVR 200,000.00**, 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 **200,000.00**, 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 200,000.00

(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 200,000.00– (Form Fin -4: Line of Credit Letter)

or)

If it's not a business, to be eligible the financial statements of the bidding party must show, Minimum value of MVR 200,000.00, for the year 2023,2022 and 2021, or balance of MVR 200,000.00 if the entity have not completed one year – (Form FIN -2: Financial Situation)

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

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. MCCEE 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.

Section 5 Details of services/materials/work required

Introduction and Background

Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands (ENDhERI) project financed by Global Environment Facility (GEF) and assisted by United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) with the objective of enhancing reef protection, resilience and ecosystem recovery by reducing development impacts in Laamu Atoll in Maldives. This project aims to assist the government of the Maldives in its implementation of new environmental policies and transition towards national adoption of Green Growth atoll development that will sustain marine Natural Capital (NC) and strengthen the resilience and recovery of reef ecosystems. This will be informed by learning from atoll-wide integrated coastal zone management within a Managed Marine Area / Biosphere Reserve framework, and the application of innovative sustainability practices and standards in agriculture, fisheries, tourism and construction sectors as the basis for transforming the human ecological footprint in Laamu Atoll, and taking this up to national level through sector transformation, spatial planning and improved governance based on NC accounting. The intermediate objective of this transformation is to minimize the flows of pollutants from land-based activities into the adjacent marine environment and reduce marine-based drivers of reef degradation including baitfish and reef fisheries.

In an effort to identify dependencies and footprints of the tourism sector on biodiversity and marine/coastal natural capital, based on development scenarios, noting adverse environmental implications and potential consequences to their business models. In this regard, Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy (MCCEE) is seeking consultancy services to conduct resource use survey and visitors survey in Laamu Atoll of the Maldives in focus to tourism sector.

Objective

To assess and quantify the dependencies of the tourism sector on biodiversity and marine/coastal natural capital in Laamu Atoll, Maldives, through comprehensive resource use and visitor surveys. This study aims to identify the adverse environmental implications and potential consequences to the tourism business models based on various development scenarios. The findings will inform

sustainable practices and policies to mitigate negative impacts, ensuring the preservation of natural resources crucial to the tourism industry's long-term viability.

This survey aims to understand and evaluate visitor behaviours, preferences, and their awareness regarding natural capital and environmental conservation across the Maldives. It is designed to be scalable and applicable across the entire country.

Scope of Assignment

Resource Use Survey:

- Evaluate the consumption patterns of natural resources by the tourism sector, specifically by:
 - o Indirect utilization: Areas visited for water sports, snorkeling and diving, and
 - O Direct utilization, including freshwater consumption, sources of agricultural and fisheries produce, fuel and energy consumption, and land footprint (as a proportion of the island(s) utilized).
- Identify key areas where resource use by the tourism sector:
 - Currently impacts biodiversity and natural capital (specifically coastal vegetation, mangrove, seagrass, and coral reef), or
 - o Could impact biodiversity and natural capital into the future.
- Assess resort management's awareness of dependencies on biodiversity in their operations.

Visitor Survey:

- Understand visitor behaviors, preferences, and awareness regarding natural capital and environmental conservation, including motivations for visiting.
- Evaluate the ecological footprint of tourism activities on marine and coastal ecosystems (coral reef, seagrass and mangrove), through identifying areas visited and activities conducted.
- Estimate the spending (in USD) of visitors per activity, related to natural capital, including water activities, snorkeling, diving or other related activities.
- Gather visitor feedback on sustainable tourism practices and their willingness to support such initiatives.

Dependency Analysis:

- Analyze the relationship between tourism activities and the health of marine/coastal ecosystems.
- Identify critical points of environmental stress caused by tourism.
- Evaluate the long-term implications of current tourism practices on biodiversity and natural capital.
- Review and incorporate findings from the annual visitors' survey conducted by the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) to ensure comprehensive understanding and alignment with national data.

Recommendations:

- Provide actionable recommendations for the MCCEE and MoT to promote sustainable tourism practices.
- Suggest implementable policy interventions and best practices to mitigate adverse environmental impacts.
- Propose strategies for enhancing the tourism sector's resilience and sustainability in Laamu Atoll.

Requirements for Experience and Qualifications

1. Environmental Expert (Team Leader)

- a. Academic Qualification: Minimum Master's Degree in Environmental Science, Environment Assessment or related field to carry out the works as included in the scope of the work.
- b. Specific Professional Experience: Minimum 5 years of experience in conducting environmental assessments (marine and terrestrial) or Minimum 2 assignments demonstrating and knowledge in conducting similar assignments (reference letters and/ or submit evidence via publications)

2. GIS Expert

a. Academic Qualification: Minimum Bachelor's degree in GIS, landscape ecology, habitat studies, (education certificate is required),

OR

Have acquired Esri or similar acceptable certification

b. Specific Professional Experience: Minimum of two (2) similar assignments in a related field or similar capacity (reference letters and/ or submit evidence via publications)

Indicative Tasks

Indicative Tasks to Achieve the Objective

1. Resource Use Survey

Task 1.1: Data Collection on Natural Resource Consumption

- Activity 1.1.1: Conduct field surveys and interviews with tourism operators to gather data on the usage of coral reefs, seagrass beds, and mangroves.
- Activity 1.1.2: Collect quantitative data on the extraction, disturbance, and utilization patterns of these natural resources by the tourism sector.
- Activity 1.1.3: Collect data from resort managements to explore their understanding of the interdependence between resort operations and natural resources.
- Task 1.2: Identification of Activity Areas
- Activity 1.2.1: Map and identify key locations within Laamu Atoll where tourism activities significantly depend on biodiversity and natural capital.
- Activity 1.2.2: Use GIS and remote sensing tools to analyse spatial data and identify hotspots of resource use by the tourism sector.

3. Visitor Survey (Survey Period: 30 days)

- Task 2.1: Design and Implementation of Visitor Surveys
- Activity 2.1.1: Develop comprehensive survey instruments to assess visitor behaviours, preferences, and awareness levels regarding environmental conservation.
- Activity 2.1.2: Distribute and administer surveys to a representative sample of tourists visiting Laamu Atoll. (Visitors should not be from Laamu Atoll or visiting family or relatives from Laamu Atoll)
- Task 2.2: Analysis of Ecological Footprint
- Activity 2.2.1: Evaluate the ecological footprint of various tourist activities (e.g., snorkelling, diving, boating) on coral reefs, seagrass beds, and mangroves.
- Activity 2.2.2: Use survey data to estimate the spend (in USD) of visitors per activity, to calculate the ecological footprint of tourism activities on marine and coastal ecosystems.
- Task 2.3: Gathering Feedback on Sustainable Practices
- Activity 2.3.1: Include questions in the visitor survey to gauge tourists' opinions on existing and potential sustainable tourism practices.
- Activity 2.3.2: Analyse visitor willingness to support and participate in conservation initiatives.

3. Dependency Analysis

- Task 3.1: Relationship Analysis Between Tourism and Ecosystem Health
- Activity 3.1.1: Analyze the relationship between tourism activities and the health of marine/coastal ecosystems.
- Task 3.2: Identification of Environmental Stress Points
- Activity 3.2.1: Identify and document critical points of environmental stress resulting from tourism activities.
- Activity 3.2.2: Assess the carrying capacity of key tourist sites to manage and mitigate stress points effectively.
- Task 3.3: Long-term Implications Assessment
- Activity 3.3.1: Evaluate the potential long-term effects of current tourism practices on biodiversity and natural capital.
- Activity 3.3.2 Review and incorporate findings from the annual visitors' survey conducted by the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) to ensure comprehensive understanding and alignment with national data.
- Activity 3.3.3: Develop predictive models to simulate future scenarios based on different tourism growth trajectories.

4. Recommendations

- Task 4.1: Development of Actionable Recommendations
- Activity 4.1.1: Based on survey and analysis results, formulate practical recommendations for the MCCEE to enhance sustainable tourism practices.
- Activity 4.1.2: Prioritize recommendations based on feasibility and cost-effectiveness.
- Task 4.2: Policy Interventions and Best Practices
- Activity 4.2.1: Suggest specific policy interventions to mitigate adverse environmental impacts caused by tourism.
- Activity 4.2.2: Compile a set of best practices for sustainable tourism that can be adopted by local operators and stakeholders.
- *Task 4.3: Strategies for Resilience and Sustainability*

Activity 4.3.1: Propose strategies to improve the resilience of the tourism sector against environmental degradation and climate change.

Duration of the Consultancy

Duration of the assignment is (90) calendar days upon signing the contract.

Deliverables & Payment Schedule

No.	Deliverables	Details	Duration	Payment Schedule	Output
1	Submission of workplan and questionnaire	Upon submission and approval of the detailed work plan and methodology/protocols of the survey and survey questionnaire	20 days	20%	Submitted and approved by MCCEE
2	Submission of Survey Data and maps	Upon submission of the survey data entry and presenting the preliminary results	65 days	30%	Submitted and approved by MCCEE
3	Completions of the Final Survey Report	Upon submission of the final survey reports with all the deliverables, data analysis, and recommendations along with raw and synthesized data and maps.	85 days	50%	Submitted and approved by MCCEE
Total:			100%		