



REDD+ Readiness Project in Belize Project

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, FORESTRY, THE ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND IMMIGRATION (MAFFESDI)

Request for Expression of Interest for Consultancy Services

(Firm Selection)

Consultancy for the Development of a Grievance and Redress Mechanism (GRM) for REDD+ Implementation in Belize

Grant No: P152415/ TF018492

The Government of Belize with the assistance of the World Bank is implementing the project entitled “Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) Readiness Project in Belize” with Grant funding from the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility “FCPF” and has appointed the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry the Environment and Sustainable Development (MAFFESD) for the overall implementation of the Project with the fiduciary support provided by the Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT). The Government of Belize intends to apply part of the proceeds of the grant to payments under the contract for this Consultancy.

REDD+ and PACT now invites eligible Consulting Firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. In submitting its Expression of Interest, Firms should provide information demonstrating that it has the required and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Proven experience with sustainable development projects at the international and national level, specifically in working with indigenous and forest based communities, logging and mining stakeholder groups and any other relevant stakeholders.
2. Proven knowledge and work experience on issues relating or relevant to REDD, the FCFP process and procedures as well as the socio-economic conditions in Belize is a prerequisite.
3. Proven experience on the implementation of safeguards, FPIC Free, Prior and Informed Consent, human rights principles and guidelines or other (inter)national best practice guidance will be beneficial.
4. Experience working in Belize in a related area is a requirement.

The attention of interested Firms is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers January 2011, revised July 2014* ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and Sustainable Development policy on "Employment of Public officers as consultants."

The Firm will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on Consultants' Qualification method set out in the World Bank Consultant Guidelines.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, mail, fax or e-mail) by 2:00 pm on **Tuesday 19th June 2018** to:

REDD+ Procurement Officer
Protected Areas Conservation Trust
3 Mango Street
Belmopan, Cayo District
Belize C.A.
Tel: 501-822-3637
redprocurement.officer@pactbelize.org

The sealed envelope containing the Expression of Interest must include the name and address of the applicant and should be clearly marked:

"CONSULTANCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GRIEVANCE AND REDRESS MECHANISM (GRM) FOR REDD+ IMPLEMENTATION IN BELIZE"

REDD+ Readiness Project and PACT shall not be bound to defray any costs incurred by applicants in preparing and submitting statements of capability.