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## **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 Land Use Land Cover Map of 2017 Using Sentinel-2  
Images for the REDD+ Readiness Project in Belize**

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**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, Sustainable Development and Immigration (MAFFESDI) 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 knowledge in natural resources/forest sciences, earth sciences, with significant experience coordinating projects related to natural resources;**
- 2. Proven experience performing satellite image interpretation work;**
- 3. Proven experience in GIS data management, database design, and spatial information processing;**
- 4. Proven experience in the evaluation of forests and forest production systems; must be familiar with the use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS);**
- 5. Proven experience related to production systems and land use; must be familiar with the use of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS);**

6. Proven experience in the use and management of databases;
7. Proven experience or capacity in performing similar works such as developing Land Use Land Cover maps using Sentinel 2 imagery mainly in the Central America and the Caribbean region. Preference will be given to those firms that have done similar work in Belize.

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 4:00 pm on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018** to:

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

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

**"CONSULTANCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LAND USE LAND COVER MAP OF 2017 USING SENTINEL-2 IMAGES FOR THE REDD+ READINESS PROJECT 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.