EOI INVITATION

Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP) intends to outsource the services of Consultant Agriculture for one year as per ToR.

EOI and ToR details can be downloaded from our website www.rgavp.org. Proposals must be not submitted later than 6:00 PM on February 29, 2016.

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Invitation for Expression of Interest for hiring Consultant for Agriculture Development Programme

1. Context
The Government of Rajasthan is implementing the Rural Livelihood Projects (RRLP, NRLM and NRLP) through Rajasthan Grameen Aajivika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP).

RGAVP implements community based development projects to enhance the economic opportunities and empowerment of the rural poor, with a focus on women and marginalized groups, in the entire state of Rajasthan. For other details please refer to our website www.rgavp.org.

RGAVP proposes to engage Convergence and social development activities as main facets of the mission to address various other dimensions of poverty. Therefore, RGAVP intends to hire a consultant to lead and anchor the agenda of Agriculture development Programme.

2. Eligibility criteria for the Consultants
RGAVP invites eligible Consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested candidates should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

The short listing criterion is as follows:

i. Consultant for Agriculture
   a. Qualification: Graduate in Agriculture/Rural Development/Rural Management/Social Science. (Preference will be given to Agriculture)
   b. Experience: Atleast 10-15 years work experience in related field Agriculture programmes working with government & non government organizations including at least 2 years experience in State Rural Livelihoods Missions/National Rural Livelihoods Missions at State/National level.
   c. Experience of developing and strengthening CRPs (Community Resource Person) for formation of community institutions as well as in building their capacity through various capacity building trainings/initiatives;
   d. Experience of working with NRLM resource block strategy and should be able to liaison with NGOs of MKSP/NRLM engaged in Agriculture;
e. Have demonstrated experience in state level scaling up of Agriculture activities;
f. Experience of developing and strengthening community cadre for formation & nurturing of community institutions and execution of other project activities;
g. Experience of developing training curriculum and modules for various Agriculture community institutions and cadres;
h. Preference to those who have worked on Institution Building of Agriculture agenda at state level in SRLMs and are familiar with basic policies and guidelines of Livelihood;
i. Good skill in Hindi and English and workable knowledge of local dialects of Rajasthan.
j. Experience of working in tribal areas, other aided projects on Agriculture.
k. Willingness to travel in remote areas,
l. Adequate knowledge of ICT.

3. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.
4. Expression of Interest with Terms of Reference given at the Website (www.rgavp.org) should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly superscripted as "Expression of Interest for Consultant for Agriculture" as the case may be till February 29, 2016, 6.00 pm.
5. The submission can be made on office hours on all working days to the undersigned.

(Rajeev Singh Thakur)
State Mission Director

Mailing address:
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Terms of References for hiring consultant on

Agriculture

About RGAVP:

Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP) is a registered society for implementation of all livelihoods related programme in rural areas of Rajasthan. At present, RGAVP is implementing following projects:

- RRLP is World Bank funded project
- NRLM/NRLP is MoRD, Gol funded programme
- MPoWeR is IFAD funded project

Main objective of RGAVP is to support the development of livelihood opportunities for the rural poor, specially women and marginalized population through:

- Promotion of Community Institutions: Women Self Help Groups, Federations,
- Producer Organizations
- Financial Inclusion through Project Fund and Bank Linkage
- Providing Livelihood support
- Development of Skills of Rural Youth
- Convergence with other government programmes including various departments for leveraging impact.

Roles & Responsibilities:

Consultant (Agriculture) will be placed at State Project Management Unit, Jaipur and would be responsible for coordinating Agriculture vertical of RGAVP. Her/his responsibilities include operation and scaling up Community Investment Fund of projects, steering Agriculture related activities. The details of roles and responsibility of Associate Consultant are as under:

- Lead all activities in the state related to Agriculture Programme.
- Helping forming clusters at Block/District/state. In one year 40 crop and Agriculture clusters are to be formed which includes Vegetable & Crop cluster both.
- Identify and analyze the key issues /strategies / activities related to Agriculture and its opportunity at the field level sustainability and forth them with the project persons concerned for the necessary.
- Develop the roadmap for Agriculture aspects and its effective implementation.
- Draft policies and implementation guidelines for mission at state level.
- Supervise and monitor the reach of project on Agriculture aspects of the project.
- Designing capacity building strategy of staffs and community and conduct the Agri Para professional/Krishi Sakhi training, training of community on Agriculture Programme.
- Extending timely expert input to District and Block Level and community by engaging experts / Agriculture scientist.
- Assist in designing a Baseline survey and data collection format by DPMU, for understanding the impact after the duration.
- Design a monitoring card for the community for tracking the progress of the activity.
- Monitor the progress on regular basis.
- Develop IEC material and success stories required on field.
- Provide Handholding support to district and sub district implementation /support structures.
- Ensuring quality implementation of different components/thematic intervention.
- Any other functions that may be assigned from time to time by the Mission Director and/or Government of Rajasthan.

Objective of the assignment

RGAVP is inviting bids for consultants for look after its 'Agriculture' vertical for institution building, execution of CRP strategy and development of community cadre under its Agriculture project. The main objective of this assignment is to effectively execute formation and nurturing of Agriculture based organizations so that they are self sustain in a period of time and are able to take activities by them for their social & economic development with minimum outside support.

Eligibility Criteria

Essential
- Graduation in Agriculture (B.Sc or above) from recognized institute or University with minimum 55% marks.
- Minimum 10-15 years work experience in rural development working with government & non government organizations;

Preferred
- Preference to those having experience in State Rural Livelihoods Missions/National Rural Livelihoods Missions;
- Preference to those who have worked on Agriculture agenda at state level in SRLMs and are familiar with basic policies and guidelines on Goatry, Dairy;
- Candidates with experiences on working with SHG based livelihoods programme, projects with banks on Agriculture related activities, etc is desirable;
- Demonstrated engagement in managing project activities with Agriculture;
- Experience of developing and strengthening community cadre on Agriculture;
- Adequate knowledge of ICT.

Terms, conditions and Consultancy fee:
- The appointment of consultant will be a period for one year;
- The maximum consultancy fee payable per month is Rs. 50000 to 55000/Month;
- The consultant will be paid TA/DA as per RGAVP rules.