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Rural Development Department
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EOI INVITATION

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

EOI and ToR details can be downloaded from our website www.rgavp.org & SPPP portal (http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in). Proposals must be submitted not later than 05:00 PM on September 16, 2016.

General Manager (Admn.)
RGAVP
Invitation for Expression of Interest for hiring Associate Consultant for Agriculture programme

1. Context
The Government of Rajasthan is implementing the Rural Livelihood Projects (RRLP, NRLM and NRLP) through Rajasthan Grameen Aajeevika 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 Livestock and Agriculture development Programme.

2. Eligibility criteria for the Consultant
RGAVP invites eligible Consultant 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) Associate Consultant for Agriculture

a. Qualification : Graduation in Agriculture (B.Sc or above) from recognized institute or University
b. Experience : Atleast 5 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 Associate Consultant for Agriculture” as the case may be till September 16, 2016, 05.00 pm.

5. The submission can be made on office hours on all working days to the undersigned.

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(Rajeev Singh Thakur)
State Mission Director

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Terms of Reference
Associate Consultant: Agriculture Programme

About RGAVP:

RGAVP under its various projects (National Rural Livelihood Mission/National Rural Livelihood Project/Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Project) aims at promoting sustainable institutions for rural poor women and enabling them to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial and selected public services.

The objective is to enhance the economic opportunities, access to basic amenities, and participation in community decision making for the poor, with a focus on women and marginalized groups in districts of Rajasthan. In addition, poor would be facilitated to achieve increased access to their rights, entitlements and public services, diversified risk and better social indicators of empowerment.

RGAVP as registered society has a three-tier structure under governing council & empowered committee. The society is headed by SMD (State Mission Director). The program management units are set up at three levels State, District and block. The State Project Management Unit (SPMU) has responsibility for management and implementation of mission strategies. Currently, the project has been implementing in 89 blocks of the state with a vision to cover all blocks of Rajasthan in phased manner.

Convergence and social development activities are 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. At Present, RGAVP is implementing the following projects:

- RRLP is a World Bank funded Programme
- NRLM/NRLP is a Central Government funded Project
- MPoWeR project in which the funding partner is IFAD

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.
Requisite Qualifications

- Minimum Graduate in Agriculture (B.sc or above)
- 5 years of post qualification experience of working in related field Agriculture programmes, community based projects of Govt/Non government organization.
- Experience in promoting producer companies / livelihoods cluster development initiatives.
- Good working knowledge of Hindi and English along with knowledge of local dialects in Rajasthan.
- Experience of working in tribal areas, other projects (preference will be given to projects related to agriculture)
- Willingness to travel in remote villages of state.
- Knowledge and experience on working with Agro based activities.
- Good knowledge of computer.

Place of Posting

The place of posting will be at Jaipur, State Project Management Unit (SPMU) RGAVP. However, as a part of work, consultant will be required to travel within and outside state.

Period of contract

The period of contract will be from 1st January, 2016 to 31st December, 2016. After successful completion of term, the contract may be extended based on appraisal and continuation of project.

Professional fees

The consultant will be paid remuneration commensurate with the qualification and experience.

Terms and conditions

- The date up to which contract will exist i.e. the date of is initially 1 year and extendible year to year basis up to total 3 years.
- The amount, at which first party has been engaged, is maximum Rs. 40,000 to 50,000 / Month & mobility support.
- The contractual appointee may be allowed to travel on duty in bus/rail/air as per the rules applicable in RGAVP.
- Daily allowances may be determined as per RGAVP provisions.

Roles and Responsibilities:

State Project Management Unit (SPMU): The Associate Consultant Livestock will work under the guidance and supervision of the Specialist - Agriculture, RGAVP. She/he will be responsible for the following:
Provide extensive support in the state related to Agriculture Programme.

- Assist Agriculture Consultant at State level in his work.
- Helping forming clusters at Block/District/state. In one year 40 crop and Agriculture clusters are to be formed.
- Develop IEC material and success stories required on field.
- Designing capacity building strategy of staffs and community and conduct the Agriculture Para professional/Krishi Sakhi training, training of community on Agriculture Programme.
- Draft policies and implementation guidelines for mission at state level.
- Develop the roadmap for Agriculture aspects and its effective implementation.
- 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.
- 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.
- Provide Handholding support to district and sub-district implementation/support structures.
- Design a monitoring card for the community for tracking the progress of the activity.
- Monitor the progress on regular basis.
- 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.

Reporting

The Associate Consultant will report to Specialist-Agriculture, RGAVP who may further direct consultant to report to another person, within organization as she/he seems appropriate.
Job Description

Associate Consultant – Agriculture

- Assist Consultant – Agriculture and district staff in all activities.
- Help in formation of clusters at Block/District/state. In one year 20 crop Cluster on field.
- Develop the roadmap and assist for Agriculture aspects and its effective implementation.
- Supervise and assist the reach of project on Agriculture aspects of the project.
- Monitor the progress on regular basis by visiting the fields.
- Provide help towards preparing IEC material.
- Constant upgrading of the agriculture skills on field.
- Responsible for assisting in Convergence with Irrigation and agriculture department at state/ district level.
- Handle training at state level along with planning for the same.
- Training to community cadre and handholding of the same on field by visit.
- Report to COM, SPM Livestock and Consultant – Agriculture.