

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

SOUTH AFRICA

“Catalyzing Financing and Capacity for the Biodiversity Economy around Protected Areas”

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: ____P170213

Assignment Title: Appointment of a service provider to conduct Leadership and Governance Training for community structures towards the implementation of the KNP GEF 7 Biodiversity Economy Projects within the Greater Kruger

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): ZA-SANPARKS-417762-CS-CQS

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the “Catalyzing Financing and Capacity for the Biodiversity Economy around Protected Areas” project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include the appointment of a service provider to conduct Leadership and Governance Training for community structures towards the implementation of the KNP GEF 7 Biodiversity Economy Projects within the Greater Kruger.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

South African National Parks now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

Evaluation of proposals will be done according to the following criteria:

To claim points in the functionality evaluation, bidders must provide documentation proof to support their claims regarding the following core competencies or areas:

#	Criteria	Submission Requirements	Weight
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1	Organizational experience	<p>Service providers should submit reference letters of previous similar work conducted. Trainee certificates will need to be submitted, and experience would need to reflect previous assignments.</p> <p>The reference letters must be signed, and contact details of the author must be provided. Letters not meeting this requirement won't be considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five (5) references and above in the past 5 years = 30 points • Three (3) to Four (4) references in the past 5 years = 20 points • One (1) to Two (2) relevant references in the past 5 years = 10 points • 0 = 0 points 	30
2	Capacity and technical skills	<p>The service provider is required to provide CV's and qualifications of the facilitators based on the specific training that the service provider is applying for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 10 years' experience= 30 points • 5-10 years' experience = 20 points • Less than 5 years' experience= 10 points 	30

3	Proposed project plan and methodology	<p>The service provider should provide a detailed training programme or manual based on the key areas identified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satisfactory = 40 points • Good= 30 points • Fair = 20 points • Poor = 10 points • Non submission = 0 points 	40
		TOTAL	100

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment: Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interests of the Borrower. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, Consultants shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:

- a. firm that has been engaged by the Borrower to provide Goods, Works, or Non-consulting Services for a project (or an affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that firm), shall be disqualified from providing Consulting Services resulting from, or directly related to, those Goods, Works, or Non-consulting Services. This provision does not apply to the various firms (Consultants, contractors, or suppliers), which together are performing the contractor’s obligations under a turnkey or design and build contract.
- b. firm that has been engaged by the Borrower to provide Consulting Services for the preparation or implementation of a project (or an affiliate that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that Consulting firm), shall be disqualified from subsequently providing Goods, Works, or Non-consulting Services resulting from, or directly related to those Consulting Services. This provision does not apply to the various firms

(Consultants, contractors, or suppliers), which together are performing the contractor's obligations under a turnkey or design and build contract.

- c. neither a Consultant (including personnel and sub-consultants), nor an affiliate (that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with that Consultant), shall be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, creates a conflict of interest with another assignment of the Consultant.
- d. Consultants (including their experts and other personnel, and sub-consultants), that have a close business or family relationship with a professional staff of the Borrower, or of the project implementing agency, or of a recipient of a part of the Bank's financing, or any other party representing or acting on behalf of the Borrower, that is directly or indirectly involved in any part of:
 - i. the preparation of the TOR for the assignment.
 - ii. the selection process for the contract; or
 - iii. the supervision of the contract may not be awarded a contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the contract.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Qualification Based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 07:00-16:00.

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Expressions of interest must be delivered to the addresses below by e-mail by **26 April 2024**.

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