

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
SHORT TERM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CONDUCT A RAPID ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT**

CONTRACT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this contract are as follows:

- to provide a rapid ecological assessment of the terrestrial and riverine habitats within the boundaries of the Wagwater (including Castleton Gardens), Rio Nuevo, Rio Bueno/White River Watershed Management Units
- to characterize, delineate and map the major terrestrial and aquatic habitat types and differentiating between disturbed and undisturbed ecosystems
- to define priority areas for Integrated and Sustainable Landscape Management
- to recommend possible interventions will best achieve integrated and sustainable landscape management

The contract manager will be the Director of the European Union Unit, External Cooperation Management Division (PIOJ) working in very close collaboration with the Sustainable Development and Regional Planning Division (PIOJ) as well as the implementing partners MoAF (PGD), RADA and NEPA.

SPECIFIC WORK

- Prepare an **Inception Report** within the overall context of Jamaica's biodiversity related obligations and current and projected climatic changes, as well as the specific context of the proposed Integrated and Sustainable Landscape Management Methodology to be utilized.
- Prepare a **Rapid Ecological Assessment Report** on the extent of important biodiversity locations within the study area, focusing on rare, globally important or endemic species of flora or fauna, environmental conditions and biodiversity.

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Participation is open to all natural persons who are nationals of and legal persons [participating either individually or in a grouping (consortium) of tenderers] which are effectively established in a Member State of the European Union or in a eligible country or territory as defined under the Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 establishing common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for external action (CIR) for the applicable instrument under which the contract is financed (see also heading 23 below). Participation is also open to international organisations.

SELECTION AND AWARD CRITERIA

The following selection criteria will be applied to the tenderers. In the case of tenders submitted by a consortium, these selection criteria will be applied to the consortium as a whole. if not specified otherwise. The selection criteria will not be applied to natural persons and single-member companies when they are sub-contractors.

1) Economic and financial capacity of the tenderer (based on item 3 of the tender form). In case of tenderer being a public body, equivalent information should be provided. The reference period, which will be taken into account will be **the last three financial years** for which accounts have been closed (**ending February 2020**).

Economic and financial capacity of Legal Persons

- the average annual turnover of the tenderer must exceed the annualised maximum budget of the contract i.e. the maximum budget stated in the contract notice divided by the initial contract duration in years, where this exceeds 1 year (minimum annual turnover requested may not exceed 2 times the estimated annual contract value, except in duly justified cases motivated in the tender dossier); and
- Current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) in the last year for which accounts have been closed must be at least 1.

Economic and financial capacity of Natural Persons

- the available financial resources of the tenderer must exceed the annualised maximum budget of the contract i.e. the maximum budget stated in the contract notice divided by the initial contract duration in years, where this exceeds 1 year (minimum annual turnover requested may not exceed 2 times the estimated annual contract value, except in duly justified cases motivated in the tender dossier); and
- the financial situation of the tenderer should not be in deficit, taken into account debts, at the beginning and end of year.

2) Professional capacity of the tenderer (based on items 4 of the tender form).

The reference period, which will be taken into account will be **the last five years** preceding the submission deadline.

Professional capacity of Legal Persons

- has a professional certificate appropriate to this contract, such as Geography or Ecology or Natural Resource Management or Forestry or Environmental Sciences or Environmental Management; and,
- at least 2 staff currently work for the tenderer in fields related to this contract;

Professional capacity of Natural persons

- has a professional certificate appropriate to this contract, such as Geography or Ecology, or Natural Resource Management or Forestry or Environmental Sciences or Environmental Management; and,
- is currently working/has worked during **the last 5 years** as an expert/manager/team-leader with 2 collaborators in fields related to this contract.

3) Technical capacity of tenderer (based on items 5 and 6 of the tender form). The reference

period, which will be taken into account will be **the last five years preceding** the submission deadline.

Technical capacity of Legal Persons

- the tenderer has provided services under at least 2 contracts each with a budget of at least that of this contract in Ecology or Natural Resource Management or Forestry or Environmental Management which were implemented at any moment **in the last five years.**

Technical capacity of Natural Persons

- the tenderer has worked successfully on at least 1 project with a budget equivalent to that this contract in fields related to this contract in Ecology, or Natural Resource Management or Forestry or Environmental Management **in the last five years.**

This means that the service contract the tenderer refers to could have been started at any time during the indicated period but it does not necessarily have to be completed during that period, nor implemented during the entire period. Tenderers are allowed to refer either to service contracts completed within the reference period (although started earlier) or to service contracts not yet completed. Only the portion satisfactorily completed during the reference period will be taken into consideration. This portion will have to be supported by documentary evidence (-statement or certificate from the entity which awarded the contract, proof of payment) also detailing its value. If a tenderer has implemented the service contract in a consortium, the percentage that the tenderer has successfully completed must be clear from the documentary evidence, together with a description of the nature of the services provided if the selection criteria relating to the pertinence of the experience have been used.

Previous experience which would have led to breach of contract and termination by a contracting authority shall not be used as reference. This is also applicable concerning the previous experience of experts required under a fee-based service contract.

An economic operator may, where appropriate and for a particular contract, rely on the capacities of other entities, regardless of the legal nature of the links which it has with them. It must in that case prove to the contracting authority that it will have at its disposal the resources necessary for the performance of the contract by producing a commitment by those entities to place those resources at its disposal. Such entities, for instance the parent company of the economic operator, must respect the same rules of eligibility - notably that of nationality - and must comply with the selection criteria for which the economic operator relies on them. Furthermore, the data for this third entity for the relevant selection criterion should be included in the tender in a separate document. Proof of the capacity will also have to be provided when requested by the contracting authority. With regard to technical and professional criteria, an economic operator may only rely on the capacities of other entities where the latter will perform the services for which these capacities are required. With regard to economic and financial criteria the

entities upon whose capacity the tenderer relies become jointly and severally liable for the performance of the contract.

MAXIMUM BUDGET

JMD 42.0 million

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The minimum time input of the Contract is 132 working days over the 6 months period of implementation of the contract commencing on June 1, 2021¹.

The successful Contractor will be required to provide Tax Compliance and Tax Exemption Certificates upon signature of contract.

¹ Tentative Date