

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

## **INDIA**

### **Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project (UDRP)**

Credit No.5313 - IN

**Reference: GPN dated 21/9/2013**

**Assignment Title: Selection of Consulting NGO/firm for Owner Driven Construction of Houses (ODCH)**

**SPN Reference No.:**UDRP/Comp-1/ODCH/2013/0001 date: 21 October 2013

The Government of India has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Uttarakhand Disaster Recover Project (UDRP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services) include:

For the facilitation of the owner driven construction of houses the Project Management Unit (PMU) plans to engage the services of a Consultant NGO/Firm for Owner Driven Construction of House (ODCH). The target districts for the activity are – Pithoragarh, Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Uttarkashi and Bageshwar, which will include but not limited to:

1. Strengthen supervise and handhold beneficiaries on information related to ODCH, material selection, construction techniques, building norms etc.,
2. Technical support and supervision for the implementation of ODCH at District and village level.
3. Socio –technical facilitation with communities.
4. Facilitation of beneficiary to complete documentation and opening of bank accounts.
5. Assist in monitoring that installments are being released and received by beneficiary.
6. Facilitate the field visits by stake holders and other parties authorised by the Government.
7. Assist in certification of various stages of construction completion.
8. Track, monitor and report progress for each village, documentation and reviews.
9. Facilitate community access to government grievance redress system.
10. Assist and support District administration in the rollout of ODCH.
11. Quality checking of the construction activities.
12. Imparting training to construction manpower in relevant techniques, to community on policy and techniques.

The ODCH Consultant will be required to have the following personnel for the districts who have competency in Hindi language (local language preferred, senior level functionaries are required to have competency in English also):

Program Coordinator, District Coordinator, Technical resource persons, Social Mobilizer , IEC Personnel, M & E persons, Mason trainers, Labourers

The engagement of the finally selected NGOs /firms shall be for an initial period of one year.

The PMU now invites eligible consulting NGOs/ 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Geographical Competency
2. Experience of housing project
3. Experience with externally aided projects
4. Experience in project related to social / community outreach and extension

Expressions of interest (EOI) must include:

- Introductory letter on letter head (*with complete contact details – name of contact person, mailing address, telephone, fax, email etc* ) explaining how the NGO/firm is best to deliver the task
- Organization profile
- Two years annual report (Yr 2011 and Yr 2012) including audited Financial statement
- Short note on the similar projects implemented by the NGO/Firm pertaining to the shortlisting criteria
- The EOI should contain sufficient supporting document to substantiate the claim of the Consultant towards their qualification as per the shortlisting criteria.

The attention of interested Consultants 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 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

NGOs/firms (Consultants) may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

NGOs/firms (Consultants) will be selected in accordance with the standard Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultants guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours between 1000 hours to 1700 hours.

Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by 06 November 2013 at 1700 hours to:

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT**

**The World Bank assisted**

**Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project (UDRP), INDIA**

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