



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

Papua New Guinea Tourism Sector Development Project (TSDP)

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Assignment Title: Strategic Environmental, Social and Cultural Heritage Assessment (SESCHA) for Papua New Guinea Tourism Sector Development

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The Independent State of Papua New Guinea has obtained the loan financing from the World Bank towards the cost of funding the PNG Tourism Sector Development Project (TSDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments for the Consultancy Services for Strategic Environmental, Social and Cultural Heritage Assessment (SESCHA) for Papua New Guinea Tourism Sector Development.

The overall aim of this assignment is to provide technical assistance to TPA and its provincial counterparts to prepare a SESCHA to integrate environmental, social and cultural heritage considerations into the new national 2018-2022 tourism master plans for PNG and two provincial tourism development plans/strategies (Milne Bay and East New Britain). Specific objectives of the SESCHA are to, at the national level and in the two target provinces:

- Identify and examine environmental, social and cultural heritage priorities associated with the sustainable development of the tourism sector;
- Assess the potential direct, indirect and cumulative environmental, social and cultural heritage benefits and impacts of current/proposed policy interventions, and their potential to address environment, social and cultural heritage priorities for the sustainable development of the tourism sector; and
- Propose a set of actionable recommendations by which these issues can be addressed so as to enhance environmental sustainability and social equity of sector development.

The Tourism Promotion Authority 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. The shortlisting criteria are:

- Extensive experience in Strategic Environmental, Social and Cultural Heritage Assessment;
- Experience in Institutional, Policy and Legislative Framework Analysis for tourism sector;
- Demonstrated experience in stakeholder engagement and public consultation activities;
- Availability of experienced and qualified staff (but not individual experts’ bio data);

- Previous experience in South East Asia and Pacific Islands countries, particularly in relation to the tourism sector;

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The “association” may take the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy. In case of a joint venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract jointly in case of award is made to that JV. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their “association” and the duties of the partners and sub consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of “in association with” and/or “in affiliation with” and etc. without indicating the status of the partnership and designation of the lead partner may not be considered for short listing. Association with local firms and engagement of local consultants is encouraged.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's [*Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers*](#) dated January 2011 and revised as of July, 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on the Consultants’ Qualifications (CQS) method procedures set out in the World Bank’s “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans & IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers” January 2011 and revised as of July, 2014.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours from *09:00 to 16:00 hours*.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail or by e-mail) by **8th February 2018, at 16:00hr (local time)**.

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