



Republic of Zambia

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

ENGAGEMENT FOR POSITION OF A TECHNICAL OFFICER FOR THE ZAMBIA INTEGRATED FOREST LANDSCAPE PROJECT

Project Name: ZAMBIA INTEGRATED FOREST LANDSCAPE PROJECT (ZIFLP)

Project No. P161490

Reference No. MNDP/ZIFLP/CS/006/2020

1.0 BACKGROUND

Zambia's natural resource base is under immense pressure from various development sectors, including mining, energy, infrastructure and agriculture. Some of the main drivers of deforestation emanate from these sectors. The mechanism for reducing deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+) presents an opportunity for Zambia to address deforestation in a comprehensive and integrated manner by involving identified sectors and key actors. As such, Zambia developed the National REDD+ Strategy focusing on tackling different drivers of deforestation in both the forestry and other identified key sectors in particular, agriculture, energy, mining and infrastructure. The Vision of this Strategy is to contribute to a prosperous climate change resilient economy by 2030, anchored upon sustainable management and utilization of the nation's natural resources towards improved livelihoods. The Ministry of National Development Planning therefore intends to employ a Technical Officer under Zambia Integrated Forest Landscape Project.

2.0 OBJECTIVE OF THE POSITION

The Technical Officer's prime responsibility is to ensure that the project produces the results specified in the project document, to the required standard of quality and within the specified time and cost.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- The Technical Officer will lead the delivery of technical activities for the project
- Fast-track the implementation of existing project activities in each component of the ZIFLP (See the Project Document);
- Deliver tangible and sustainable results on the implementation of the results-based project activities for reducing carbon emissions in the Eastern Province;
- Review technical aspects of AFOLU carbon project activities and provide guidance to project implementing partners regarding project typology,

methodological requirements and mechanics of carbon monitoring, reporting and verification;

- Develop and review reports, project documents, and monitoring reports;
- Visit remote project sites and organize/manage field-work to support project implementing partners;
- Supervise and integrate the work of the Technical Service Providers to ensure synergies offered by the landscape approach, and skills/ knowledge transfer to the province, district and community organizations;
- Review the work of the GHG team, including standard remote sensing procedures (e.g., execution of geometric and radiometric corrections, classification, GIS-based post-classification procedures);
- Review and provide contextual feedback on the work of the Benefit-Sharing Mechanism consultant;
- Review and provide feedback on the work of the Emissions Reduction Project Document team;
- Manage development processes for projects activities in each component and provide all non-carbon measurement work against project deliverables including:
 - Develop and manage collaborative work plans with partners;
 - Provide activity concept/design reviews and financial investment/projection development; and,
 - Provide due diligence support on investment activities;
- He / She will ensure the direction of project activities and the achievement of project targets and results, by focusing on the following results:-
 - Project management;
 - Coordination of a holistic and integrated project activities;
 - Preparation and submission of consolidated reports, annual work plans and budgets;
 - Ensures and coordinates provision of high-quality technical advice and building of partnerships, focusing on achievement of the project results;
 - Facilitates knowledge building and management, focusing on achievement of the project results.

4.0 QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in project implementation of community-based activities in the AFOLU sectors;
- In-depth knowledge of all AFOLU market standards, guidelines and protocols. Knowledge of the Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscape (ISFL) requirements is an added advantage;
- Direct experience in carbon development work and methodologies for AFOLU projects;
- Experience in livelihood and community driven development work;
- Proven track record in the management of national, rural, community development, and/or sustainable development projects/programmes;
- Experience working in an inter-disciplinary environment with multiple stakeholders;
- Experience and ability to work efficiently within matrix reporting environment;

- Relevant work experience in Eastern Province would be an added advantage.

5.0 COMPETENCIES

- Organized, investment-focused, detail- and results-oriented;
- Should be a good team player and self-starter with the ability to work under minimum supervision;
- Able to work collaborative in multi-sectoral team yet self-manage deliverables;
- Able to work under physically challenging circumstances during field visits;
- Able to train, motivate, and manage field crews with different degrees of experience and education.

6.0 EDUCATIONAL AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of a Master's Degree in applied natural sciences such as forestry, ecology, natural resources, biogeochemistry, GIS or remote sensing development Economics/Planning, Land Use Planning, Environmental Management, Agriculture and related qualifications. Coursework in GIS analysis, remote sensing, and tropical forest systems may also be considered.
- Minimally 10 years of experience with carbon projects, including an affinity with accreditation programs and standards for both the compliance and voluntary markets.
- Experience with biomass inventories in forest systems.
- Familiar with basic biogeochemistry in forest and agricultural ecosystems, including understanding of terrestrial carbon quantification.
- Practical understanding of mathematical and statistical concepts.
- Minimum of 10 years post-qualification experience with at least 7 years in a management role;
- Work experience with any other donor funded projects, including the World Bank would be an added advantage;
- Experience in technical report writing and presentation;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English. Spoken technical environmental Chichewa/Nyanja will be an added advantage.
- Exceptionally computer literate, including complete mastering of Microsoft Excel Word and PowerPoint.

7.0 DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The contract will be for a period of 24 months, renewable.

8.0 METHOD OF APPLICATION:

Sealed application letters with current curriculum vitae (CV) and copies of academic/professional qualifications must reach the undersigned not later than 25th September 2020 and must be delivered and deposited in the Tender Box located at Ministry of National Development Planning, Corner of John Mbita and Nationalist, P.O Box 30147 Lusaka. Alternatively send your application with all relevant information by email to: **info@ziflp.org.zm**

The deadline for submission is Friday 25th September, 2020 at 17:00 hours. Local time

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