



Province Government
Ministry of Industry, Agriculture and Cooperatives
Directorate of Agriculture Development
Nuts and Fruits in Hilly Areas Project (NAFHA)
Project Implementation Unit (PIU)
Koshi Province, Biratnagar, Nepal

Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI)
for
Farmer Group and Cooperative Facilitation

Contract ID: NAFHA/PIU-Kos/CS05 A

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1. The Government of Nepal (the Government), Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Nuts and Fruits in Hilly Areas Project (NAFHA) and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under the consultancy services for which this invitation for Expression of Interest (EOI) is issued.
2. The main objective of the Farmer Group and Cooperative Facilitation (FGCF) is to assist NAFHA Project, PIU-Koshi in farmer group and cooperative facilitation. The FGCF will support PIU-Koshi in day-to-day activities such as: (i) Farmers facilitation including group and cooperative formation; (ii) capacity building of farmers and cooperatives; (iii) Support horticulture value chain development; (iv) Support farmers to access loans; (iv) project communication activities; (v) Monitoring; (vii) Safeguard compliance, and (vi) other relevant project activities so that the Project achieves its objectives.
3. Eligible and qualified consulting firms are invited to express their interest in providing the required services. The detailed TOR and EOI form can be downloaded from www.csrn.adb.org. A consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) procedures set out in the Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers: Goods, Works, Non-consulting and Consulting Services (<https://www.adb.org/documents/procurement-regulations-adb-borrowers>). The EOIs will be evaluated based on the complete information provided by the firm/company.
4. Each project reference as mentioned in section E of the EOI form should be substantiated with a corresponding document. The substantiating document can be in the form of contract agreement/completion certificate or any other document issued by the respective client. Non-compliance to meet the requirement may lead to deduction of marks of the firm for technical competence.
5. Consultants may associate with other consultants to enhance their qualifications. However, consulting firms under a Joint Venture (JV) shall submit only one EOI, either as lead member or as a partner of a JV. An Agreement along with Power of Attorney in case of a JV will be required.
6. The EOI must be submitted online via ADBs Consultant Management System (CMS) on or before **27 December 2023**.
7. The consulting services contract award and signing will be subject to ADB's approval.
8. NAFHA, PIU-Koshi, reserves the right to accept or reject any EOI without giving any notice.

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