

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

BENEFICIARY COUNTRY:

China and Republic of Korea

REFERENCE NUMBER:

BP-I-08-pollhabdemo-2135

DESCRIPTION:

To illustrate the efficacy of the Strategic Action Programme's (SAP) management actions, the YSLME Project will conduct demonstration activities of some of the management actions.

The Project seeks institutions or individuals to implement a cross-component demonstration activity on "**Managing Pollution in Critical Habitats around the Yellow Sea.**" This activity should show the effectiveness of how regular monitoring and assessment of the ecosystem and exchange of information across different responsible agencies can help improve the marine habitats through controlling marine pollution in the Yellow Sea.

DEADLINE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EOI:

29 February 2008

POSTING DATE:

15 February 2008

Objectives and Scope

The "UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (YSLME) Project" aims to facilitate protection and sustainable use of marine and coastal resources in the Yellow Sea. To achieve this objective, the Project has identified management actions in its preparation of the SAP. It is expected that implementing the management actions will mitigate environmental problems in the Yellow Sea and improve its diverse ecosystems.

The Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem is defined in the Project Document as the body of water delineated at the south, by a line connecting the north bank of the mouth of the Chang Jiang (Yangtze River) to the south side of Cheju; at the east, by a line connecting Cheju Island to Jindo Island along the coast of the Republic of Korea; and to the north, a line connecting Dalian to Penglai (on the Shandong Peninsula). This latter line separates the Bohai Sea from the Yellow Sea and as a result is not included in the project.

The demonstration activity will be administered by UNOPS through the Project Management Office in Ansan, Republic of Korea.

**Expected Procurement Components
Consulting Services**

***The demonstration activity on "Managing Pollution in Critical Habitats around the Yellow Sea" should include the tasks listed below.

1. Area of work

- Using the list of the identified critical habitats identified under the YSLME Project, select 1 or more habitats to work in.
2. Controlling total quantity of pollutant discharge
 - Identify the sources and loads of major pollutants affecting the selected habitat.
 - Assess the existing pollution problems in/around the habitat.
 - Establish a monitoring programme in/around the habitat to monitor pollutants and biodiversity status, and carry out a preliminary study on the impacts of pollutants to the health of the habitat and its surrounding areas.
 - Predict which problems will remain or what new problems will occur if no management is put in place.
 - Recommend allowable pollutant discharge levels to maintain the habitat and its biodiversity.
 3. Data and information exchange
 - Hold discussions/meetings/workshops as needed, to exchange information on biodiversity and pollutants for the selected area.
 4. Policies for management
 - Explain findings from #2 and #3 above to management authorities in critical habitat area.
 - Assist management authority to improve any existing management plans or develop an appropriate management plan for the habitat through providing recommendations and/or an implementation plan for additional work needed to monitor & manage the critical habitat.

The maximum implementation period of the project is 18 months. The project must be completed by December 2009 at the latest.

Qualifications:

- At least 10 years proven track record in the area of coastal and marine research in the Yellow Sea region.
- Ability to access necessary data and information through databases, information centres, and other relevant institutions in the region.
- Ability to liaise with NGOs, governments, and other institutions.
- Well established abilities in marine pollution research and monitoring, and analysis of data and information, including Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures, and/or well established skills in biodiversity research.
- Good interpersonal skills and ability to work both as a team and individually.
- Working knowledge of English.

Special Procurement Conditions and Additional Information

UNOPS invites suppliers capable of providing the services in above category to submit their expression of interest.

In order to be considered as a potential supplier, interested enterprises should submit their Expression of Interest including the following information:

- **brief presentation of your enterprise including number of staff, turnover, years in business**

- **reference list demonstrating your qualifications for participating in this possible upcoming bidding process**
- **contact information (full name and address, country, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address, website and contact person)**

The Expression of Interest and accompanying documents must be received by UNOPS no later than 29 February 2008 on the address below.

Expressions of Interest can be sent by e-mail or fax (max. 10 pages) to the contact person below. Please indicate **Ref. No.: BP-I-08-pollhabdemo-2135** on all submissions.

This call for Expression of Interest does not constitute a solicitation. UNOPS reserves the right to change or cancel the requirement at any time during the EOI and/or solicitation process. UNOPS also reserves the right to require compliance with additional conditions as and when issuing the final solicitation documents. Submitting a reply to a call for EOI does not automatically guarantee receipt of the solicitation documents when issued. Invitations to bid or requests for proposals and any subsequent purchase order or contract will be issued in accordance with the rules and procedures of UNOPS.

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