

## CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

**BENEFICIARY COUNTRY:**

China, Republic of Korea

**REFERENCE NUMBER:**

E-I-08-ratiochgdemo-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 demonstration activity on **"Assessing impacts of N:P:Si ratio change on the Yellow Sea ecosystem"** in order to show the benefits of how information from harmonised long-term monitoring programmes can influence Yellow Sea marine environment management policies.

**DEADLINE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EOI:**

7<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**POSTING DATE:**

15<sup>th</sup> February 2008

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**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 "Assessing impacts of N:P:Si ratio change on the Yellow Sea ecosystem" should address the regional target of "better understanding and prediction of ecosystem changes for adaptive management." This activity should show the benefits of how information from harmonised long-term monitoring programmes can influence Yellow Sea marine environment management policies.\*\*\*

The activity should also meet the following requirements:

1. Carried out in the Yellow Sea at the 36° latitude line through field surveys;
2. Measure nutrients and plankton (community structure and productivity);
3. Initiate harmonisation of monitoring methodologies and assessment of impacts;
4. Begin to develop a cross-basin monitoring network to implement future likewise monitoring activities; and
5. Initiate a regional framework to incorporate the assessment of nutrient ratio change into management policy.

The expected outputs of this activity are:

1. Assessment of the current status of long-term ecosystem trend reported by Lin et al. (2005)<sup>1</sup>;
2. Assessment of the impacts of nutrient ratio change on lower trophic levels in the Yellow Sea; and
3. Report showing the work carried out and results of the above five requirements.

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.
- Knowledge in marine biological and chemical issues.
- Ability to access necessary data and information through databases, information centres, and other relevant institutions in the region.
- Ability to liaise with governments and other research institutions in the region.
- 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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008 on the address below.

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<sup>1</sup> Lin, C., Ning, X., Su, J., Lin, Y., Xu, B. 2005. Environmental changes and the responses of the ecosystems of the Yellow Sea during 1976-2000. J. Mar. Sys. 55, 223-234.

Expressions of Interest can be sent by e-mail or fax (max. 10 pages) to the contact person below. Please indicate **Ref. No.: E-I-08-ratiochgdemo-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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