

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

RFT: PWP-070-CON
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Date: 12 July, 2023
To: Interested consultants
From: PacWastePlus Finance and Procurement Officer

Subject: Request for tenders (RFT): Project Officer (Service Based Consultancy) – to provide in country management of the GEF ISLANDS Project & PacWastePlus Programme at the Ministry of Environment, Fiji_READVERTISEMENT

1. Background

- 1.1. The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) is an intergovernmental organization charged with promoting cooperation among Pacific islands countries and territories to protect and improve their environment and ensure sustainable development.
- 1.2. SPREP approaches the environmental challenges faced by the Pacific guided by four simple Values. These values guide all aspects of our work:
 - We value the Environment
 - We value our People
 - We value high quality and targeted Service Delivery
 - We value Integrity
- 1.3. For more information, see: www.sprep.org.

2. Specifications: statement of requirement

- 2.1. SPREP is seeking to recruit a qualified and experienced Project Officer (Service Based Consultancy) to assist with the implementation of the project activities as agreed to by the GEF ISLANDS project and PacWastePlus programme.
- 2.2. The Project Officer is expected to work on a full-time consultancy basis, subject to a periodic review, till Quarter 1 of 2025, at MOE, Fiji.
- 2.3. The Project Officer will liaise and consult extensively with the Director and relevant personnel of the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of iTaukei Affairs, PacWastePlus and ISLANDS Project Management Units (PMU), involved government ministries and departments, community representatives, provincial councils, contractors, NGOs, and donors.
- 2.4. The Terms of Reference (ToR) and the specific statement of work for this consultancy are set out in Annex A.
- 2.5. The successful consultant must supply the services to the extent applicable, in compliance with SPREP's Values and Code of Conduct: https://www.sprep.org/attachments/Publications/Corporate_Documents/spreporganisational-values-code-of-conduct.pdf. Including SPREP's policy on Child Protection, Environmental Social Safeguards, Fraud Prevention & Whistleblower Protection and Gender and Social Inclusion.
- 2.6. SPREP Standard Contract Terms and Conditions are non-negotiable

3. Conditions: information for applicants

- 3.1. To be considered for this tender, interested consultants must meet the following conditions:
- i. **Currently reside in Fiji**
 - ii. Be able to demonstrate that he/she is legally entitled to work in Fiji
 - iii. Be willing and able to travel to project sites throughout Fiji
 - iv. Have an excellent command of spoken and written English and local language.
 - v. Record of having successfully worked with Government, civil society stakeholders and local communities in Fiji and establishing effective networks of cooperation.
 - vi. Strong track record in project management including work planning, budgeting, organising, and managing partner input, reporting, monitoring, and evaluation.
 - vii. A relevant qualification from a recognised tertiary institution in a field related to environment and waste management and/or project management.
 - viii. At least 3 years' experience working in project management, government agencies or non-governmental agencies, environment management or equivalent etc.
 - ix. Hold a business license/permit or can attain necessary license/permit if offered the role
- 3.2 Tenderers must declare any areas that may constitute conflict of interest related to this tender and sign the **conflict of interest form** provided.
- 3.3 **Tenderer is deemed ineligible due to association with exclusion criteria, including** bankruptcy, insolvency or winding up procedures, breach of obligations relating to the payment of taxes or social security contributions, fraudulent or negligent practice, violation of intellectual property rights, under a judgment by the court, grave professional misconduct including misrepresentation, corruption, participation in a criminal organisation, money laundering or terrorist financing, child labour and other trafficking in human beings, deficiency in capability in complying main obligations, creating a shell company, and being a shell company.
- 3.4 Tenderer must sign a declaration of **honour form** together with their application, certifying that they do not fall into any of the exclusion situations cited in 3.3 above and where applicable, that they have taken adequate measures to remedy the situation.

4. Submission guidelines

- 4.1. Tender documentation should demonstrate that the interested consultant satisfies the conditions stated above and in the Terms of Reference and is capable of meeting the specifications and timeframes. Documentation must also include supporting examples to address the evaluation criteria.
- 4.2. Tender documentation should be submitted in English and outline the interested consultant's complete proposal:
- a) **SPREP Tender Application form and conflict of interest form.** *(Please note you are required to complete in full all areas requested in the Form, particularly the Statements to demonstrate you meet the selection criteria – DO NOT refer us to your CV. Failure to do this will mean your application will **not** be considered).*
Provide examples of past related work outputs
For the Technical and Financial proposals you may attach these separately.
 - b) **Honour form**
 - c) **Curriculum Vitae** of the proposed personnel to demonstrate that they have the requisite skills and experience to carry out this contract successfully.
 - d) **Technical Proposal** which contains the details to achieve the tasks outlined in the Terms of Reference.

- 4.3. Provide three referees relevant to this tender submission, including the most recent work completed.
- 4.4. Tenderers/bidders shall bear all costs associated with preparing and submitting a proposal, including cost relating to contract award; SPREP will, in no case, be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless of the conduct or outcome of the bidding process.
- 4.5. The tenderer/bidder might be requested to provide additional information relating to their submitted proposal, if the Tender Evaluation Committee requests further information for the purposes of tender evaluation. SPREP may shortlist one or more Tenderers and seek further information from them.
- 4.6. The submitted tender proposal must be for the entirety of the Terms of Reference and not divided into portions which a potential tenderer/bidder can provide services for.
- 4.7. The Proposal must remain valid for 90 days from date of submission.
- 4.8. Tenderers must insist on an acknowledgement of receipt of tender.

5. Tender Clarification

- 5.1. a. Any clarification questions from applicants must be submitted by email to pwp.procurement@sprep.org before 18 July 2023. A summary of all questions received complete with an associated response posted on the SPREP website www.sprep.org/tender by 23 July 2023.
- b. The only point of contact for all matters relating to the RFT and the RFT process is the Procurement Officer.
- c. SPREP will determine what, if any, response should be given to a Tenderer question. SPREP will circulate Tenderer questions and SPREP's response to those questions to all other Tenderers using the SPREP Tenders page (<https://www.sprep.org/tenders>) without disclosing the source of the questions or revealing any confidential information of a Tenderer.
- d. Tenderers should identify in their question what, if any, information in the question the Tenderer considers is confidential.
- e. If a Tenderer believes they have found a discrepancy, error, ambiguity, inconsistency or omission in this RFT or any other information given or made available by SPREP, the Tenderer should promptly notify the Procurement Officer setting out the error in sufficient detail so that SPREP may take the corrective action, if any, it considers appropriate.

6. Evaluation criteria

- 6.1. SPREP will select a preferred consultant on the basis of SPREP's evaluation of the extent to which the documentation demonstrates that the tenderer offers the best value for money, and that the tender satisfies the following criteria:
- 6.2. A proposal will be rejected if it fails to achieve 70% or more in the technical criteria.

Detail	Weighting
Qualification from a recognised tertiary institution in a field related to project management and/or environment management	5%
At least 3 years project implementation experience on environmentally focused, and/or engineering/construction projects (preferably related to waste management)	5%
Strong track record in project management including work planning, field assessment, stakeholder consultations and oversight, communication, and reporting across diverse audiences in a multicultural and multi-disciplinary environment, monitoring, and evaluation. Demonstrated experience with a management tool/software an advantage	20%
Demonstrated experience in capacity building	20%
Excellent command of spoken and written English and local language and knowledge of the Fiji governmental processes and procedures will be an advantage	10%
Submitted proposal – demonstration of how applicant successfully carries out the activities listed under scope of consultancy	40%

7. Variation or Termination of the Request for Tender

- 7.1 a. SPREP may amend, suspend or terminate the RFT process at any time.
- b. In the event that SPREP amends the RFT or the conditions of tender, it will inform potential Tenderers using the SPREP Tenders page (<https://www.sprep.org/tenders>).
- c. Tenderers are responsible to regularly check the SPREP website Tenders page for any updates and downloading the relevant RFT documentation and addendum for the RFT if it is interested in providing a Tender Response.
- d. If SPREP determines that none of the Tenders submitted represents value for money, that it is otherwise in the public interest or SPREP's interest to do so, SPREP may terminate this RFT process at any time. In such cases SPREP will cancel the tender, issue a cancellation notice and inform unsuccessful bidders accordingly.

8. Deadline

- 8.1. **The due date for submission of the tender is: 31 July 2023, midnight (Apia, Samoa local time).**
- 8.2. Late submissions will be returned unopened to the sender.
- 8.3. Please send all tenders clearly marked 'RFT 'PWP-070-CON: **Project Officer (Service based consultancy) to provide in-country management of the ISLANDS & PacWastePlus projects at Ministry of Environment, Fiji_READVERTISEMENT**

Mail: SPREP
 Attention: Procurement Officer
 PO Box 240
 Apia, SAMOA

Email: tenders@sprep.org (MOST PREFERRED OPTION)

Fax: 685 20231



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Person: Submit by hand in the tenders' box at SPREP reception,
Vailima, Samoa.

Note: Submissions made to the incorrect portal will not be considered by SPREP. If SPREP is made aware of the error in submission prior to the deadline, the applicant will be advised to resubmit their application to the correct portal. However, if SPREP is not made aware of the error in submission until after the deadline, then the application is considered late and will be returned unopened to the sender.

SPREP reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

SPREP reserves the right to enter into negotiation with respect to one or more proposals prior to the award of a contract, split an award/awards and to consider localised award/awards between any proposers in any combination, as it may deem appropriate without prior written acceptance of the proposers.

A binding contract is in effect, once signed by both SPREP and the successful tenderer. Any contractual discussion/work carried out/goods supplied prior to a contract being signed does not constitute a binding contract.

For any complaints regarding the Secretariat's tenders please refer to the Complaints section on the SPREP website <http://www.sprep.org/accountability/complaints>

ANNEX A

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Project Officer (Service Based Consultancy) – ISLANDS & PacWastePlus Project.

Background and Rationale

SPREP has received separate funding from the European Union (EU) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to implement the PacWastePlus Programme and the GEF ISLANDS Pacific Project. Both projects build on previous and ongoing work undertaken by the EU and GEF in assisting Pacific island countries improve waste management through the implementation of the Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016-2025 (Cleaner Pacific 2025).

The PacWaste Plus Programme began in 2018 and is well into implementation. With an overall aim for the safe and sustainable management of wastes, the 5-year, €16.5 million programme will benefit the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

The \$20 million GEF ISLANDS Pacific Project commenced in 2021 and will involve all countries listed above excluding Timor-Leste. It will run for five years until 2026 with the objective of strengthening each Pacific island country's ability to control the flow of chemicals, products, and materials into their territories and to unlock resources for the long-term management, including integrated management, of chemicals and waste.

Services Required

SPREP is seeking the services of a suitably qualified Project Officer to be appointed on a full-time service consulting basis to oversee the implementation of the PacWaste Plus and GEF ISLANDS Pacific Project in the Pacific Island Countries.

Scope of Consultancy

The Project Officer will provide technical support and on ground project scheduling oversight for the project, including engaging with the local stakeholders in the identified project sites, relevant national and sub-national government agencies and consultants or contractors delivering specific activities.

Specific responsibilities for the Project Officer will include the following:

Data and Information

- Assist MoE, iTaukei Affairs Board, and other relevant stakeholder(s) with collection of relevant data and information throughout the design, implementation, and monitoring of project activities. Data and information requirements may include:
 - o designing data gathering methodology and developing templates
 - o Assist with data gathering and compilation.
 - o Assist with completion of Monitoring and Evaluation and weekly/monthly reports.
- Assist with other data gathering activities.

Legislative / Documentation Support

- With support from the SPREP PMU and project contractors, assist MoE and relevant stakeholder(s) with legislative tasks such as:
 - o Coordinate stakeholder meetings to facilitate the legislative decision-making process and following-up with stakeholders as required to ensure legislative decision making / approvals keep to agreed timeframes.

- Provide support for documents such as Policies and Cabinet Submissions.
- Drafting contracts and MOU agreements as required and facilitate obtaining relevant signatures.

On-the ground activity

- Assist/facilitate the decision-making process regarding design and procurement of facilities and equipment in consultation with MOE.
- Provide support to procurement activities such as liaising suppliers, overseeing construction activities, data gathering, etc.
- Provide support to any service providers / consultants working in Fiji on PacWastePlus or ISLANDS projects.

Communications and Education

- Assisting with delivery of communications activities as required for the successful implementation of project activities.
- Draft media releases and arrange television / radio interviews with relevant stakeholders as required in consultation with iTaukei Affairs Board and MOE.
- Assist with dissemination of publications produced by SPREP PMU
- Provide on-ground assistance to visiting, local or remote consultants.

Capacity Building

- Assist in planning and provide local support for coordination and attendance of meetings and training on specialist topics such as:
 - Waigani/Basel Convention Transboundary procedures for stakeholders (recyclers, customs, competent authority, focal points)
 - Other topics as advised or approved by SPREP.
- Coordinate and facilitate training sessions (with PMU resources and support) with relevant stakeholders on general topics such as:
 - data gathering, M&E and reporting.
 - designing and completing mini-waste audit and litter assessments
 - other topics as advised by SPREP.
- Provide assistance to counterparts at MoE and iTaukei Affairs to enhance evidence-based decision-making.

General / Administrative

- Facilitate Working Committees as required for the design, implementation and monitoring of project activities.
- Conduct administrative activities of the project including recording meeting minutes, correspondence, filing and photographs.
- Regular submission of reports to PWP, ISLANDS, iTAB, and MOE
- Outer island travel if/as necessary

Payments

- This is a **delivery-based consultancy**, and the professional time allocation and annual payment of work is set and is **not subject to negotiation**.
- The Project officer will be paid USD 32,100 per annum.
- There will be an operational budget for agreed disbursements, including travel and per diem. Travel throughout the focal area will be required and will be paid for through the individual project's travel budget.



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- Disbursements will be made monthly on receipt of activity report and approval from MoE and the iTaukei Affairs Board.
- The consultant will be expected to provide and cover the costs of their own mobile phone, laptop/computer equipment and associated software and stationery as part of the contract agreement.

Work arrangements

The Project Officer will:

- Be based primarily at the MoE on a full-time basis, It is expected at least one day per week would be located with the iTaukei Affairs Board (Both offices are located in Suva) the schedule to be discussed and agreed between the successful consultant, MoE and SPREP PMU and will report to both SPREP and MOE monthly on activities undertaken to complete the services.
- Engage in regular meetings with PWP and ISLANDS PMU.
- Submit monthly reports to PacWastePlus Programme and a separate report to GEF ISLANDS Pacific Project officers reporting against agreed workplans. Actively engage and utilise the SPREP WMPC Project Management Tool (Monday.com) Licence to utilise the system will be provided to the successful consultant.
- Provide his/her working equipment including computer and cellular phone.

Duration of the Consultancy

The service consultancy will commence as soon as practical till 30 March 2025, and will be subject to a period performance review.