



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund – Caribbean Hotspot Project)

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: TFB5467

Project Performance Period: 07/01/2021-10/31/2027

Assignment Title: Audit of the Resources Managed during the period from 07/01/2021 to 06/30/2023 by Conservation International under the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund – Caribbean Hotspot Project, TFB5467

The Conservation International Foundation (CI) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund – Caribbean Hotspot Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) requested through this REOI consist of auditing services to express a professional opinion on the financial position of the project at the end of the period audited, the eligibility of expenditures, compliance with applicable laws, regulations and financial clauses of the agreement and to report on the adequacy of the internal controls over the use of funds for intended purposes. The annual audit for the Caribbean Hotspot Project is expected to be completed annually based on CI’s Fiscal year (Jul-June) and the audits are due to the World Bank 6 months after the end of each Fiscal year. The first audit assignment will likely start by February 20th. which will cover 07/01/2021-06/30/2023 period. The estimated level of effort is based upon of the services performed and time required to provide the audit report containing the specific opinions and conclusions required.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Least-Cost Selection method set out in the Procurement Regulation for IPF Borrowers.

Conservation International Foundation now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are core business and years in the business, relevant experience, technical and managerial capability of the firm.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. In addition, please refer to the following specific information on conflict of interest related to this assignment as per paragraph 3.16 and 3.17 of the Procurement Regulations. The information can be found at the following website:

<https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/178331533065871195-0290022020/original/ProcurementRegulations.pdf>

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

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Further information can be obtained at the email address below.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the email address below by March 22, 2023 (11:59 pm US Eastern Time)

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