

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

## United States

### **Dedicated Grant Mechanism and Global Learning and Knowledge Exchange Project**

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: **TF0B3573**

**Assignment Title:** English<>Portuguese<>Spanish<>French<>Nepali Interpretation Services & Equipment

**Reference No:** 7-CS3.1

Conservation International Foundation has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Dedicated Grant Mechanism and Global Learning and Knowledge Exchange Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include Simultaneous interpretation services and equipment for English<>Portuguese<>Spanish<>French<>Nepali for the next approximate 12 months of work, from May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025.

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: Provide interpretation services/equipment in all required languages, be a global interpretation company with specific experience working with non-profits on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities issues, ability to coordinate travel logistics for interpreters in multiple countries and occasionally remote locations.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers* (May 2004 - Revised October 1, 2006) (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. See annex 1.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Request for Proposals method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Further information can be obtained at the email address [dgmglobal@conservation.org](mailto:dgmglobal@conservation.org)

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the email address below by *March 14, 2024*.

E-mail: [dgmglobal@conservation.org](mailto:dgmglobal@conservation.org)

## **Annex 1**

### **World Bank –Additional Information on**

#### **Conflict of Interest**

Bank policy requires that consultants provide professional, objective, and impartial advice and at all times hold the client's interests paramount, without any consideration for future work, and that in providing advice they avoid conflicts with other assignments and their own corporate interests. Consultants shall not be hired for any assignment that would be in conflict with their prior or current obligations to other clients, or that may place them in a position of being unable to carry out the assignment in the best interest of the Borrower. Without limitation on the generality of the foregoing, consultants shall not be hired under the circumstances set forth below:

(a) Conflict between consulting activities and procurement of goods, works or services (other than consulting services covered by these Guidelines<sup>8</sup>): A firm that has been engaged by the Borrower to provide goods, works, or services (other than consulting services covered by these Guidelines) for a project, and each of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from providing consulting services related to those goods, works or services. Conversely, a firm hired to provide consulting services for the preparation or implementation of a project, and each of its affiliates, shall be disqualified from subsequently providing goods, works or services (other than consulting services covered by these Guidelines) resulting from or directly related to the firm's consulting services for such preparation or implementation.

(b) Conflict among consulting assignments: Neither consultants (including their personnel and sub-consultants) nor any of their affiliates shall be hired for any assignment that, by its nature, may be in conflict with another assignment of the consultants. As an example, consultants hired to prepare engineering design for an infrastructure project shall not be engaged to prepare an independent environmental assessment for the same project, and consultants assisting a client in the privatization of public assets shall neither purchase, nor advise purchase of, such assets. Similarly, consultants hired to prepare Terms of Reference (TOR) for an assignment shall not be hired for the assignment in question.

(c) Relationship with Borrower's staff: Consultants (including their personnel and subconsultants) that have a business or family relationship with a member of the Borrower's staff (or of the project implementing agency's staff, or of a beneficiary of

<sup>8</sup> See paragraph 1.7 of these Guidelines. 4 the loan) who are directly or indirectly involved in any part of: (i) the preparation of the TOR of the contract, (ii) the selection process for such contract, or (iii) supervision of such contract may not be awarded a contract, unless the conflict stemming from this relationship has been resolved in a manner acceptable to the Bank throughout the selection process and the execution of the contract.