

**GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA,
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES,
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INVITATION OF EXTENDED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Loan 2444-IND/ OFID Loan 8240-IND: Orissa Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Program (Tranche I) under ADB assistance.

Provision of consulting services by NGO for Strengthening Pani Panchayats in Remal Irrigation Subproject under the Orissa Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Program (OIIAWMIP).

BACKGROUND

1. Government of Odisha have received a Loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB) through Government of India for the Orissa Integrated Irrigated Agriculture and Water Management Investment Program (OIIAWMIP) as a Multi-tranche Financing Facility (MFF) Loan during 2008-09 for US\$188.2 million, to be implemented in four tranches. The Program (OIIAWMIP) aims at promoting rural economic growth and reducing poverty in the selected river basins/ geographical areas and institutionalizing effective mechanisms to strengthen and put into operation Participatory Irrigation Management; PIM-based agricultural growth. The program's success will be achieved through; Institutional strengthening; participatory subproject planning and implementation which focus on extension, rehabilitation and modernization (ERM) of irrigation systems, including Command Area Development (CAD), strengthening of Pani Panchayats (PPs), efficient operation and maintenance (O&M) of systems at the levels of individual PP and their higher-tier committees, and enhanced agriculture production and income, where PPs are developed as cohesive platforms that can establish linkages for input delivery, technical support, and product marketing. The Executing Agency is the Department of Water Resources. This Expression of Interest (EOI) is for Remal Irrigation Subproject under OIIAWMIP to be implemented as one of four subprojects in the first tranche. Remal includes 9 PPs having about 4313 ha. net irrigated area (NIA). The implementation period is initially for a period of one year from the date of award of the work but it may be extended for another 8 months to 12 months basing on satisfactory performance and requirement of the sub project.

2. At the subproject level, OIIAWMIP is implemented through a Subproject Implementation Office (SIO). The selected NGO will work with the Remal SIO and deploy: (i) a Support Services Team (SST) and (ii) Community Organizers (COs) for implementation of PP strengthening activities. The NGO will provide 3 Experts comprising of a PIM Specialist (with additional charge as Co-ordinator of the SST), an Agricultural Extension Specialist (one with agri-business and marketing expertise), and a CAD & Water Management Specialist to act as SST members. The NGO will also provide Community Organizers for direct PP support (for Remal 6 COs). The NGO will develop sustainable PPs to: (i) ensure ERM benefits; (ii) improve irrigation system O&M; and (iii) ensure the delivery of agricultural support services by facilitating improved cropping practices and post-harvest operations, such as marketing and value addition. It is expected that the NGO would not only provide staffs, but have to bring added expertise, knowledge, and skills from previously performed works.

3. At the Remal Subproject the Pani Panchayat strengthening work was continuing engaging one NGO from 16. 11. 2009 to 15. 11. 2010. After their withdrawal from site, doing a part of job assignment, it is now continuing through one Service Provider which has to continue till 31. 03. 2011.

4. National NGOs may form Consortium in association with other state level partners (NGOs and/ or service organizations, such as national universities) to fulfil the requisite organisational experience to support field teams. The NGO is required to work with the Remal SIO and deploy personnel as indicated in Table 1 below.

Table – 1: Staffing Details
Remal Subproject

Description	Number of Staff
PPs to be strengthened	9 (nine)
SST PIM Specialist (Coordinator)	1 (one)
SST- Agrl. Specialist (one with agri-business & marketing expertise)	1 (one)
SST- CAD and Water Mgt. Specialist	1 (one)
Community Organizers	6 (six)

SCOPE OF SERVICES

5. The objective of the NGO inputs is to facilitate formation, mobilization and institutional strengthening of the PPs in Remal Irrigation Subproject by:

- ✓ Planning, implementing and monitoring rehabilitation and O&M of minor and sub-minor canals of the Remal Irrigation Subproject;
- ✓ Planning, implementing and monitoring construction, and O&M of CAD works, including improved farm water management, equitable water distribution; and
- ✓ Planning, implementing and monitoring of agriculture, associated post-harvest operations (such as marketing and processing) and livelihood development.

EXPECTED OUTPUTS

6. The NGO will provide above mentioned experts to the Remal SIO and be responsible for providing support and training to the experts and COs that it fields. Remal SST is partially in place. The NGO may wish to engage existing SST and COs members on a non exclusive basis to carry on activities. The Specialists will form a multi-disciplinary team or Support Services Team (SST). The expected outputs from the SST are:

- ✓ Effective mobilization of all PP members to participate in the activities of the PP;
- ✓ Effective participation of the PPs in planning, implementation and monitoring of subprojects;
- ✓ Functional PPs that are able to: a) manage and execute O&M of PP command (minor/ sub- minor canals) of irrigation systems, b) manage irrigation water effectively, and c) plan and support agricultural production;

- ✓ Farmers that are capable of managing water and agricultural production to obtain high yields, able to produce rabi and diversified crops;
- ✓ Increase incomes and living standards of PP members; and
- ✓ Increase participation of women and economically vulnerable sections of the community.

7. The Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director, PMU of OIIAWMIP, Department of Water Resources, Government of Odisha now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for providing these services from competent national/ state level NGOs or NGOs working in the project area having minimum 3 years experience in handling similar works (i.e., experience relevant to participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) & strengthening PPs, participatory community mobilization, providing services and working with farmers/ farmers organizations on PIM, O & M and participatory CAD work, irrigated agriculture agri-business/marketing & Capacity building). The NGO should have been operating for a minimum of 5 years after their registration and have worked with irrigation related activities for a minimum of 3 years.

8. The NGO(s) will be selected in accordance with Consultant's Qualification Selection (CQS) procedure set out in ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010) under the guidance of Institutional Strengthening and Project Management Consultants (ISPMC). The Project Management Unit will manage the NGO Contract and ISPMC will guide and provide technical assistance. Interested NGOs must provide an amplified EOI and information on their past experience and competence to take up similar nature of works. The NGO with most appropriate qualification and references based on the submitted EOIs will be asked to submit a combined technical- financial proposal and then shall be invited to negotiate the contract.

9. The required qualification of the NGO for the proposed assignment are:

- i) Operational experience of at least 5 years after their registration as NGO.
- ii) Experience in social mobilisation for irrigation, watershed management and collected agriculture development cumulatively amounting a financial scale equivalent to the assignment at least for 3 years.
- iii) Annual turnover of at least equivalent scale required under the assignment for a minimum period of 3 years and

- iv) Submission of copies of registration certificate; audited accounts and annual reports pertaining to past 3 years.

10. Interested NGOs should provide full information about their experience/ capacity relevant to this assignment supported by documentary proof describing their staff strength, administrative, financial management and coordination strength & experience in related projects over the last five years in the following format:

- i) Name of the NGO, year of establishment and registration, location of the headquarters office, correspondence address, telephone number and e-mail address;
- ii) Number of years of experience; (clearing specifying in the similar field).
- iii) In case the NGO is not based in Orissa, local partner organizations(s), if any;
- iv) Staff strength by category related to staffing requirements of SSTs and COs – CVs of available SST Specialists **with signed letters** attesting availability for the assignment with immediate effect shall be submitted with the EOI;
- v) Audited annual statement of income and expenditure for the last 3 (three) years;
- vi) NGO registration legal documents; (Copy of Resolution for signing authority in favour of the NGO) and
- vii) Experience in similar projects. Please provide the name(s) and detailed address (es) of the Project Authorities/ Agencies (Clients), including value of work executed with supporting documents in support of evidence. The work experience without supporting documents i. e., certificate from the competent authority for completing the assignment satisfactorily shall not be taken into consideration for evaluation. Reference may be contacted for verifications of executed works.

11. Any evidence showing the good performance of the previously engaged works such as completion certificate and positive evaluation by a third party would be encouraged.

Year(s) work performed	Name of the Project/ Program and State	Description and nature of services provided, including budgets	Whether completed to the full satisfaction of the authority	Description and evidence of successes.
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12. Interested NGOs may obtain more information, detailed EOI requirements stipulating NGO's eligibility and information to be provided from the interested NGOs, ADB Guidelines, and detailed ToRs from office of the Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director, PMU (OIIAWMIP), 5th Floor Rajiv Bhawan, Deptt. of Water Resources, Odisha, Bhubaneswar during office hours (i.e. 10.00 to 17.00 hours) of all working days between 14. 03. 2011 to 29. 03. 2011. The ToRs, extended detailed EOI, and other information, together with the CV format, are also available in the official website www.orissa.gov.in or www.dowrorissa.gov.in till 30. 03. 2011 which may be referred by interested NGOs. A Pre-Submission of EOI Meeting will be held on 21. 03. 2011 at 3 PM in the Conference hall of the office of the Chief Engineer-cum-Project Director, PMU (OIIAWMIP). Interested NGOs may attend and obtain clarification on the requirements for submission of the Eol.

13. The sealed Extended Expression of Interest from the experienced and competent NGOs are invited to submit at the address given below both in hard and soft (electronic-CD) copy latest by 30. 03. 2011 up to 1 pm during office hours. The Eols received late through post will not be considered for opening (the Department will not be responsible for any lapses or delays in postal delivery). The Expression of Interest so received in the Tender boxes shall be opened on 30. 03. 2011 at 4 pm in the office of the undersigned in presence of the NGOs or their authorised representatives, if any who wishes to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the last date of submission and opening of Expression of Interest (EOI) as mentioned above, the EOIs will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time and same venue.

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The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs or cancel the invitation for EOI without assigning any reason thereof.

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