



EXTENDED DEADLINE



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program (PROP) Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward a **DLI Report Consultant** to be working with FSM NORMA in Pohnpei, FSM. The Consultant services are outlined below:

Background on Consultant Report

About half of project financing for PROP Project component one to Project participating countries including FSM, is disbursed annually on a basis of achievement of agreed indicators for strengthened and effective management of the tuna fisheries. These indicators – i.e. “disbursement linked indicators” (DLIs) are measured against data from PNA Office on vessel days usage under the Vessel Days Scheme and tuna catch in FSM. Project funds disbursements will be made annually to national governments implementing agencies in each participating country to reimburse against agreed eligible expenditures, **based on independent verification that DLIs have been met**. The DLIs are outlined in the Annex to this TOR. NORMA has been working with the Forum Fisheries Agency and PNA Office to implement the DLI mechanism under the PROP Project for the past few years. For the final year of the Project, NORMA is seeking to engage a consultant to assist with the independent verification of its DLI report containing the data on indicators.

A. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the assignment is to provide NORMA with support to verify, for the final year of PROP, the status of achievement of DLIs as part of its participation in the PROP Project. The specific targets for the above DLIs as well as the amount of funding linked to each indicator are given in the annex for this TOR. A qualified specialist is expected to undertake the work.

B. GENERAL SCOPE AND DELIVERABLES:

The process for the verification of the status of achievement of the DLIs and subsequent disbursements from the World Bank is as follows:

- i. By March 31, 2021, the Implementing Agency (IA) will provide a report on the status of achievement of all DLI Targets for the period specified in the Annex to this TOR as 2019/2020 to the Consultant, providing all information needed to verify the targets have been met.
- ii. By May 31, 2021 the Consultant will provide the independently verified report on the status of achievement of the three DLIs to NORMA and the World Bank. The result will be publicly available on the NORMA website.

The work will include but not be limited to the following:

- Reviewing the primary data on the DLIs via the Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS) at the Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNAO); and
- Using any other independently available sources of data verification, including verification of random samples, for example verification of randomly sampled reports non-fishing days by cross-checking with logbooks, VMS tracks, etc. as may be appropriate.
- Write up of verification report.
- Answering any questions for clarification following submission of verification report.

Specific Deliverables:

The report is expected to be a maximum 5 pages in length and will include:

- i. The measurements verified for the DLIs;
- ii. The sources of data used;
- iii. The Methods used; and
- iv. Any technical and policy recommendations to enhance transparency and efficiency in the IAs collection, management and reporting of the VDS data, based on good practices in natural resource industries.

Work is expected around April/May with NORMA and World Bank providing written comments for inclusion in the final report which will be provided by the consultant by May 31, 2021.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

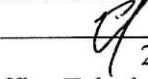
- a) University degree in Business Management, Economics, or other relevant field;
- b) Proven track record of at least 5 years supporting transparency initiatives in developing countries, with a focus on independent data and information verification; particularly with sensitive data;
- c) Experience with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), or verification/certification of other standards (e.g. Equator Principles, etc.) , is preferred
- d) Knowledge of the fisheries sector, and particularly Pacific Island tuna fisheries, is a benefit.

DURATION OF ASSIGNMENT & COST OF CONSULTANCY

This is a lump sum (based on specific deliverables as stated above) contract for 3 months with FSM NORMA with a salary based on International Market Payscale with a compensation established depending on qualifications.

APPLICATION

The FSM NORMA invites consultants to submit expression of interest (EOI) to provide the above-mentioned services by submitting electronic and/or hard copies of 1) Letter of Interest; 2) CV speaking to the minimum qualifications; 3) support Degrees/Certificates addressed to NORMA; and 4) current contacts of 3 referees. This consultancy will remain open until filled but submissions preferable by **April 23, 2021**. Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: *Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition)*. Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from NORMA and EOI packages can be sent to:

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