

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Request for Expression of Interest

Consultancy Services

Assignment Title: Forestry Expert

(For Myanmar Nationals Only)

Reference No. (C-33):

1. Background

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a global standard to promote an open and accountable management of natural resources. It seeks to strengthen government and company systems, inform public debates and enhance trust. In each implementing country it is supported by a coalition of governments, companies and civil society organizations working together.

Myanmar initiated its EITI engagement in 2012 and successfully published its first EITI report in January 2016. In February 2017, the Ministry of Planning and Finance signed a Grant Agreement with the World Bank for 3.5 Million US Dollars, to support the implementation of the MEITI Work Plan through March 2021.

The National Coordination Secretariat (NCS) was responsible for overseeing the effective implementation of the MEITI Work Plan, including coordination among MEITI Stakeholders, the provision of technical services related to EITI requirements and the oil, gas, mining and forestry sectors, communications, training and administration and logistics. In parallel, the MEITI Office Budget Department within the MOPFI structure (MOBD) is responsible for ensuring that EITI implementation is performed in compliance with financial management, procurement and legal requirements of the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the World Bank.

The MOU between RI and MOBD expired at the end of September 2020. Following a 3-month transition from October to December, MOBD will be the lead implementing agency of EITI from January 2021. Thus MOBD is seeking a Forestry Expert who will work with the MOBD office in order to provide technical support to the MSG.

2. Objective

The objective of the assignment is to support MOBD staff in the implementation throughout 2021 and to transfer all EITI Secretariat functions to government staff by December 2021 and provide recommendations to continued technical or sector-specific support.

3. Scope of Work

The Forestry Expert will provide the following services and tasks laid out in Section 3 of the Terms of Reference;

- Mentoring MOBD staff and provide support to MEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) and other relevant government counterparts on EITI thematic issues related to the forestry sector;
- Conducting research and drafting technical documents.

The consultancy period will be three months from the period of January 2021 to March 2021, with the possibility of extension.

The position will be based in Nay Pyi Taw/ in Yangon with frequent travel to Yangon / Nay Pyi Taw.

4. Shortlisting Criteria

The shortlisting criteria are –

- A minimum of 5 year's work experience in the forestry sector with public or private sector in Myanmar;
- A graduate degree in a relevant discipline;
- Knowledge of the forestry sector or other natural resource sectors, preferably in Myanmar;
- Ability to communicate effectively in both Myanmar and English;
- Ability to work effectively with a wide range of stakeholders from international diplomats, development agencies, Myanmar Government, civil society and the private sector;
- Knowledge and experience in EITI is an advantage but not mandatory.

The Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar now invites consultants to indicate their interest in providing the services described above. Consultants should provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services in a CV and a cover letter. Please note that the total size of all attachments should be less than 5MB and less than 10 pages. Expressions of Interest should be submitted, in English, electronically meitioffice.mopf@myanmareiti.org not later than 28 December 2020.

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