

NEPAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY
(A Government of Nepal Undertaking)

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for
Consulting Services of National Social Safeguard Expert under the
Electricity Transmission and Expansion Supply Improvement Project

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1. The Government of Nepal has received financing from Asian Development Bank in the form of a loan toward the cost of Electricity Transmission and Expansion Supply Improvement Project. Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), the implementing agency of the project intends to apply part of the proceeds of the loan to eligible payments under consultant's services. With this facility, NEA intends to undertake supervision, implementation and management support of both the project and the contract from Social Safeguard aspects for different project components through National Social Safeguard Consultant.
2. NEA ("the Employer") now invites eligible National Consultants to indicate their interest in providing their services. Expression of Interest (EOI) will be assessed based on General Qualification (30%), Project Related Experience (60%) and Regional Experience & Others (10%). Based on the evaluation of submitted proposals, the consultant will be selected separately.
3. The details of the package are accessible from ADB's consulting services recruitment notice (<http://esrn.adb.org>), and interested consultants are encouraged to submit their EOI through ADB's consultant management system (registration and access through <http://esrn.adb.org> or <http://cms.adb.org>). The same information (detailed request for EOI and Terms of Reference) can be found in the office of NEA or downloaded from the web site: www.nea.org.np. The interested Consultants must provide information in the form of CV that shows experience and qualification in the related field with substantiation, description of completed similar assignments, work experience in the related areas, etc. to show their academic, professional and geographical competence to perform the services. Also, the Attachment-1 (given in the website) is to be duly filled and submitted.
4. The application must be responsive to the requirements mentioned in (2) above and information sought in Attachment-1. The application should be in sufficient details to be verifiable.
5. The consultant(s) will be selected and engaged in accordance with the ADB's Procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time) using the Individual Consultant Selection (ICS) method.
6. The Expression of Interest, EOI (one original and one duplicate) shall either be delivered to the address below by office hours on 29 December 2021 or through CMS (online) is by 11:59 (Manila time). The EOI should be clearly marked with "Expression of Interest for Selection of Consultant for Consulting Services of Social Safeguard Expert National under Electricity Transmission and Expansion Supply Improvement Project".

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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Project	Electricity Transmission Expansion Supply Improvement Project (ETESIP)		
Expertise	Social Safeguard Expert		
Source	National	Category	Individual
Prof. Group		Job Level	
Objective/Purpose of the Assignment:			
<p>The objective of this assignment is to provide high quality professional services in the area of Social Safeguard and support Electricity Transmission Expansion Supply Improvement Project (ETESIP) at Social Safeguard and Environmental Management Department (SSEMD) of Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) in management, implementation, and supervision, monitoring and reporting of social safeguard requirements. The expert shall coordinate with individuals working in various projects, departments, contractors and other related persons and support them in compliance with social safeguard requirement of the project. The expert shall assist PMD in effective institutionalization of newly established Social Safeguards and Environment Management Department. The expert will also support NEA in preparation of required monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual progress reports of all the projects which are being executed by Project Management Unit (PMU) of PMD as and when requested by PMD, NEA.</p>			
Scope of Work:			
<p>The expert will ensure that all Social Safeguard requirements are implemented, monitored, compiled and reported. S/he shall monitor the field activities and ensure compliance of overall requirement by the contractor and consultant. The expert will support NEA in institutionalization of Social Safeguards Department of PMD. The expert shall coordinate with Social Safeguard Officer/focal person of PMD and international consultants to carry out the responsibilities but not limited to as mentioned below:</p>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) Provide necessary inputs and advice to the project team and PMU on social safeguard issues as required by the national laws, regulations and ADB's SPS 2009.b) Provide necessary technical assistance to facilitate the implementation, management and monitoring of environmental and social safeguards.c) Update and refine the implementation schedule consistent with all the resettlement plan requirements, making sure that major components are carried out before civil works.d) Support NEA to review and update the Resettlement Plan based on revised/finalized transmission route alignments ensuring activities and project documentation are in accordance with the national laws, regulations and ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement 2009 (ADB SPS 2009).e) Support NEA and international experts in establishing an effective social safeguard planning and due diligence system aligned with the requirements of the Government of Nepal and with ADB SPS 2009.f) Support the international experts in developing effective public consultation guidelines and support NEA PMU to ensure meaningful public consultation during project preparation and implementation.			

- g) Support NEA and international experts in developing grievance handling system within PMU and project level to ensure project complaints relating are addressed with corrective action and adequately documented.
- h) Support in preparation and review of the entitlement matrix and adapt as necessary for each subproject. Identify all likely project social impacts, including permanent and temporary land acquisition, economic displacement, restrictions of access, and impacts to non-landowners. Lead further studies to determine the replacement costs of all categories of losses based on the asset valuation process, with particular attention to vulnerable groups including indigenous peoples, women, children and the poor and socially excluded.
- i) Help NEA establish a dialogue with affected peoples and demonstrate how the project is responding to and incorporating AP views and suggestions.
- j) Hold regular review meetings with the safeguard officers of the PMU and visit selected project sites to monitor implementation of the social safeguard requirements and keep NEA briefed regularly on project compliance status.
- k) Ensure compliance with all government rules and regulations and ensure that the RPs are compliant with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009)
- l) Help NEA and international experts establish a system to ensure that RIPPs are included in design and in the bidding documents
- m) Ensure compliance with RAPs during the construction period and maintain close coordination with the technical teams of PMU
- n) Provide guidance to NEA staff responsible for social safeguard in data collection and field surveys of affected persons
- o) Support NEA and consultants in preparation of quarterly and semi -annual safeguard monitoring report
- p) Perform other functions as assigned or delegated by Project Director from time to time during the time of assignment

Qualification/Experience Requirements

The consultant/expert shall have preferably Master's degree in Sociology/ Anthropology/Social Science with preferably more than Seven (7) years of professional experience, preferably in the power sector of Nepal. The ideal candidate will have a strong track-record in field survey and community engagement and knowledgeable about statistical methods, survey design, information management and geographical information systems. The expert shall have experience in preparation of resettlement plans, preferably in the energy sector and/or with linear projects, in accordance with the international practices as well as latest donor agencies' guidelines, preferably ADB Safeguard Policy Statement 2009 (ADB SPS 2009) and World Bank Group EHS Guidelines.

The Consultant undertaking this assignment shall be evaluated based on:

General Qualifications: (30%)

The social safeguard expert shall have preferably Master's degree in Sociology / Anthropology / Social Science or relevant field.

Project Related Experience: (60%)

The consultant/expert shall have preferably Seven (7) years of professional experience in preparation of resettlement plans, preferably in the energy sector and/or with linear projects, in accordance with the international practices as well as latest donor agencies' guidelines, preferably ADB Safeguard Policy Statement 2009 (ADB SPS 2009) and World Bank Group EHS Guidelines.

Regional Experience & Others (10%)

Experience preferably in social safeguard implementation in developing country in energy sector. The Specialist shall be conversant with national laws of Nepal relating to land acquisition, resettlement and Indigenous Peoples, as well as ADB SPS 2009.

Shortlisted candidates will be required to substantiate his/her experience and qualification by submitting appropriate notarized certificates/documents.

Duration of Assignment

The estimated duration of the assignment shall be 18 person months. The consultant's person month shall consist of 30 working days. The Expert shall be required to provide support on a need basis and whenever the support is sought and so advised by the project director or manager. The Expert may be required to visit project sites in discharge of their duties and responsibilities. The National Expert shall seek guidance and direction from the Deputy Managing Director of PMD and Director of SSEMD to complete the assignment.

Places of Assignment:	Estimated Start Dates	Estimated End Dates
Kathmandu NEA SSEMD office, Mid Banesware, Kathmandu	January 2022	June 2023
TOTAL DAYS (state if Intermittent)	548 days (18 month)	

