

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)**

Project Title: “No One Shall Be Left Behind Initiative: Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security for 3000 Households in Meghalaya and Nagaland, North East India”

Assignment: Consultancy Services for Project Baseline Study.

North East Slow Food and Agrobiodiversity Society (NESFAS), registered in 2012 under the Meghalaya Societies Registration Act, is implementing the project ‘No One Shall Be Left Behind Initiative: Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security for 3000 Households in Meghalaya and Nagaland, North East India’ supported by Rural Electrification Foundation, New Delhi. It is in this context, NESFAS is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for conducting a Baseline Study for the 11 participating districts of Meghalaya and Nagaland.

Aims and Objectives

Biodiversity based indigenous food systems have guided the vision, thinking and actions of NESFAS for the last seven years. Under this project NESFAS is looking to improve food and nutrition security through increased productivity/production and consumption of nutrient rich local species and create sustainable livelihood for the indigenous communities of North East India with special focus on youth, adolescent girls, women groups and community elders. The Baseline Survey should therefore ensure that the data generated can assist in monitoring and evaluation of the project outcomes/performance indicators and help in assessing Indigenous Food System within the social, cultural and ecological context of the participating communities.

NESFAS now invites eligible consulting firms 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 short listing criteria are:

- a) The firm must be a registered entity and in business from last at least 8 years.
- b) The firm should have an average annual turnover of at least INR 1 Crore in the last three financial years 2015-16; 2016-17 and 2017-18.
- c) The firm should have undertaken baseline survey on issues related to indigenous food system, nutrition, natural resource management, agro-ecology, rural livelihood with emphasis on gender.
- d) Preference will be given to the bidders having a prior experience of working in the state of Meghalaya or any North East States given criticality of thoroughly understanding special circumstances prevailing in the state due to its unique constitutional, social, cultural and ecological position.
- e) Proven ability to work closely with local communities, civil societies, self help groups and government departments and coordinate with their diverse agencies.
- f) Availability of qualified experts in fields relevant to lead and support the proposed work.

List of documents to be submitted along with EOI are:

- i. Document (s) to demonstrate that the firm is in the business for the last eight years (registrations/licenses etc.)
- ii. Details of Work Experience and similar assignments undertaken to support the short-listing criteria;
- iii. Self-certified details/brief profiles of available personnel with domain expertise and experience;
- iv. Certificate from the statutory auditors/Chartered Accountant certifying the turnover from consultancy business during the last three (03) financial years.

The firms will be selected in accordance with the Terms of Reference (TOR), available at (NESFAS website address of the TOR file). They will be asked to make a powerpoint presentation of their theory of their baseline survey approach and their clear comparative advantages and unique understanding to design and develop a cost effective and people-centred and nutrition focused indigenous food systems baseline survey.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub consultancy to enhance their qualifications.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM).

The Expressions of Interest must be submitted in the sealed envelope addressed to the concerned officer (specifying the name, designation and address of the officer), and superscripted “Tender for Baseline Survey on REC-funded project: No One Shall Be Left Behind Initiative: Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security for 3000 Households in Meghalaya and Nagaland, North East India” and also “Do not open before 25th July 2018” .

The Expression of Interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person or by speed post/courier) by 17.00 hours on the 25th July 2018 and not after. Documents received after this period will not be entertained.

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SHORT TENDER NOTICE

North East Slow Food and Agrobiodiversity Society (NESFAS) will undertake **Baseline Survey & Analysis** in 11 Project Districts of Meghalaya & Nagaland for REC-funded project, “No One Shall Be Left Behind Initiative: Biodiversity for Food, Nutrition and Energy Security for 3000 Households in Meghalaya and Nagaland, North East India”. Interested Firms/Institutions may submit a detailed proposal. For further information please log on to <http://www.nesfas.in/> under Business Opportunities for the detailed ToR. Last date of receipt of Tender/Bids is 25th July, 2018.

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