



Federated States of Micronesia National Oceanic Resource Management Authority
(FSM NORMA)

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL OCEANSCAPE PROGRAM (PROP) PROJECT
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CONSULTING SERVICES FOR COASTAL FISHERIES ASSESSMENT (PROP/NORMA/C4)

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is one of the first four Pacific Island Countries (PICs) to receive financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program (PROP), together with the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services. The objective of the PROP is to strengthen the management of selected Pacific Island oceanic and coastal fisheries, and the critical habitats upon which they depend. This will provide the basis for sustainable and increased economic benefits from this resource. There are four components: (i) Sustainable management of oceanic fisheries; (ii) Sustainable management of coastal fisheries; (iii) Sustainable financing of the conservation of critical fishery habitats; and (iv) Regional Coordination, Implementation Support and Program Management.

The first four countries to be part of the program include; the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu and Solomon Islands. The FFA has also received grant financing to provide a coordination role for program implementation; support to participating countries with financial management and procurement as needed; and implementation of component 3. Implementation at the country level is anticipated to last approximately six years. Other Pacific Island World Bank member countries are eligible to participate, as all share the trans-boundary fisheries and fish resources.

The FSM National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) is the implementing agency for the PROP in the FSM. To support project activities, NORMA, in collaboration with the FSM Department of Resources & Development (DRD) has identified that they will require a nation-wide coastal fisheries assessment in the FSM.

The Assessment will be carried out over a period of **one year**, and will include at a minimum, the following activities in order to achieve the objectives:

- (i) *Carry out a biological and socio-economic assessment of FSM's coastal fisheries:* Review and summarize the current status of FSM's coastal fisheries (i.e. a baseline), based on wide stakeholder consultations in the four states and the best available information on:
 - bio-ecological status and potential of FSM's coastal fisheries (e.g. biomass, abundance, catch per unit of fishing effort for key targeted species groups);

- social and economic benefits of FSM’s coastal fisheries (e.g. food security, incomes and livelihoods, economic rents, market information and exports, etc.);
- governance framework for the coastal fisheries in each state (e.g. government policies and regulations, status of traditional tenure, etc.);
- key constraints identified by communities and stakeholders, and opportunities for PROP financing to add value to help coastal communities to sustainably manage defined fisheries and subsequently enhance production;
- lessons learned and best practices from relevant recent and past failed or successful initiatives
- key stakeholders and current initiatives underway;
- scenarios for improving coastal fisheries resource management in each of the four states, and the estimated costs and benefits of each.

(ii) *Identification of the coastal fishery value chains targeted for support, and selection of initial sites:*

Based on the above assessment, identification of:

- the key coastal fishery value chains that would be eligible for support in each state,
- the types of activities that would be eligible for PROP support in order to sustainably enhance these value chains,
- the criteria and process by which interested communities and stakeholders could request that support (focusing upon community commitment and building upon the criteria in the first bullet of the third paragraph in Section A above), and
- based on the above, identification of the initial sites to be targeted for support through the PROP.

(iii) *Detailed description of the activities* (or types of activities eligible) to be financed in the PROP component two across the sites identified (including costs of support or reforms identified at state government levels), including a detailed budget and timeline to completion, based on consultation with stakeholders, the government in each state, and DRD. Identification of potential methods for implementation i.e. through NGOs in the communities/state; through community bodies etc., and any challenges that may affect implementation in particular areas.

(iv) *A detailed monitoring and evaluation plan*, including baselines for the key indicators of success, and roles and responsibilities for data collection.

NORMA, as part of the *World Bank funded PROP Project*, now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Number of years the firm is in consultancy services
2. Extent of assignments completed by the firm in the last 5 years involving two or more team members. Related to each assignment, firms would provide information on the client, sector of assignment, brief description of the assignment, contract value, duration, team members.
3. Experience in similar recent assignments (in the past 5 years). By similar it means the firm should indicate experience of assignments related to fisheries science, fisheries management or policy, or natural resource management and experiences in assignment related to coastal community fisheries management and community/ social development including the names of the countries in which the services were provided. Experience in FSM and the Pacific region is a strong advantage.
4. Availability of resources (human and office).

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank’s *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers* [January

2011] (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest. Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a subconsultancy to enhance their qualifications.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultants’ Qualification Selection (CQS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below from 08:00 a.m. to 05:00 p.m. on weekdays.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by **April 29, 2016**:

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