

No. PD/NERLP/2016-17/623/  
**North East Rural Livelihood Promotion Society**  
Ministry of DoNER, Govt. of India

House No. 102, Dilip Huzuri Path,  
Guwahati – 781 006.  
Date: 27/06/2017.

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**Country** : **India.**  
**Name of the Project** : **North East Rural Livelihood Project.**  
**Credit No./ Grant No.** : **5035 N**

**Assignment Title** Hiring the Services of Individual Consultant as Agri-Livelihood Consultant for North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP).

**Reference No.** : **RPMU/C/54**

**Eligibility experience & qualifications** Full time B.Sc Agri. from recognized University/ Degree in Agri-business, Rural Development, (agronomy, agro-zoo technician, veterinary, agro-economy and natural resource management), Development studies, Economics, Agricultural economics, Labour economics, Socio- economic studies, or other related field. Additional areas of experience could include water and sanitation, agro-ecology, land and water management and livestock management; economics, business administration or management. Minimum of 5-8 years of relevant practical field experience within one or more of the following areas: agricultural policy development and programmes related to self- reliance and livelihoods development in rural areas, gender analysis, risks and vulnerability assessment, community development and participation, urban and rural small business development, cooperatives and/or microfinance, agriculture/livestock, rapid and participatory rural appraisal, rural labour and employment issues.

The North East Livelihood Promotion Society under Ministry of DoNER, Government of India funded by World Bank intends to hire the Services of Individual Consultant as Agri-Livelihood Consultant for North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP).

The hired Individual Consultant as Agri-Livelihood Consultant will be is responsible for implementation and follow-up of project Agri-Business activities, ensuring provision of required inputs, technical support and training and enhancing sustainability of Agri-Business activities. Incorporating current best package of practice, identification of necessary data/assessments for planning programs, identification of key partners for the assignment. Common agricultural approaches and best practices to be identified within the current NERLP context, based on information from field and partners, including contextual opportunities and constraints, and shared with project staff. Technical support to the Agri-Business sector, including an outline of a context specific Agri-Business strategy and the necessary components to support successful implementation and monitoring. Provide recommendations on how to incorporate Agri-Business complete value chains, including production, harvesting, storage, transportation, and marketing; Build knowledge

and learning systems to ensure that Agri-Business and farming innovations and agricultural best practices are widely disseminated; Develop recommendations on current livelihood activities to enhance value chains, improve post-harvest measures, incubate innovations and scale up pilots;

Interested individual consultant is requested to submit Expression of Interest (EoI) as per prescribed CV format uploaded in the website. Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant (IC) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines- Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits. Detail information can also be obtained from the office during office hours 0930 to 1730 hours.

Expressions of Interest (EoI) must reach this office on or before 14/07/2017.

**Project Director,**

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**Appendix 1**  
**Format for Expression of Interest (EoI)**

Sl. No	Particulars					
1	Name of the Applicant					
2	Father's Name					
3	Present Address					
4	Permanent Address					
5	Email ID					
6	Mobile No.					
7	Date of Birth & age (As on 01.01.2017)					
8	Sex					
9	Marital Status					
10	Language Known					
Sl. No	Language	Read	Write	Speak		
1						
2						
3						
4						
11	Educational Qualification					
Sl. No	Exams passed	Year of passing	Board/ University	Grade/Div	Subjects	
I	HSLC/SSC (10 <sup>th</sup> )					
II	HSSLC/HS(10+2)					
III	Graduate					
IV	Post Graduate					
V	Professional Qualification					
12	Work Experience enclosed TORs, work experience certificate(s)					
13	Name of the Organization(s)	Duration & Location	Designation	Nature of Duty	Reason of leaving	CTC
A						
B						
C						
D						
14	General experience in years (Marketing/Quality Control/ Admin./Finance etc.) give in details. (150 words)					
15	Relevant experience in years (Agri-Business activities) give in details (150 words)					
16	Why do you consider your background qualifies for the position? (100 words)					
17	Training attended					
Sl. No	Name of the training(s)	Organization(s)	Duration	Certificate attached		
A						
B						
C						
18	Name & detail addresses of two referees (not related to candidate) 1. 2.					
20	Other if any					

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Date: 27/06/2017.

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

The North East Livelihood Promotion Society (NELPS) funded by World Bank intends to hire the Services of Individual Consultant as Agri-Livelihood Consultant for North East Rural Livelihood Project.

Interested candidates are invited to submit Expressions of Interest (EoI) as per CV format uploaded in the website.

The last date of receipt of EoI is 14/07/2017.

For details please visit at [www.nerlp.gov.in](http://www.nerlp.gov.in). or [www.nerlp-development.in](http://www.nerlp-development.in)



**Project Director.**  
Regional Project Management Unit  
North East Rural Livelihoods Project

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1. Notice Board, NERLP.



**NORTH EAST RURAL Livelihood Promotion Society**  
(An Autonomous Organisation under the Ministry of DONER, GoI)

- Post Title** : **Agri-Business Consultant**
- Duty station** : HQ based with frequent travel to the field/districts.
- Duration of assignment** : **Initially for six months, extendable based on satisfactory Performance.**

**1. Background of Organization:**

North East Rural Livelihood Project (NERLP) is a World Bank funded rural poverty reduction project, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER). NERLP covers the following selected districts in four North Eastern states, namely Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. The districts are Aizawl and Lunglei in **Mizoram**, Peren and Tuensang in **Nagaland**, South, West and 15 Panchayat wards of East District in **Sikkim**, West Tripura, Khowai, Sipahijala, Unokoti and North **Tripura**. The **Project Development Objective** is *“To improve rural livelihoods especially that of women, unemployed youth and the most disadvantaged, in four North Eastern States”*.

**2. Project Components:**

The project has five components, namely, social empowerment, economic empowerment, partnership development and project management. The project components focuses on improving livelihoods of the most disadvantaged people in the targeted areas by building community based organizations and developing partnership with Government and other institutions for knowledge, skill, credit, insurance, extension and market.

- **Social Empowerment:** This initiative seeks to empower rural communities by creating sustainable community institutions; improving inclusiveness and ensuring equity in social, gender and environment.
- **Economic Empowerment:** Increase livelihoods through diversification of income and employment opportunities by supporting SHG and SHG Federation with investment support; supporting Community Development Group for Community Development Plan; supporting Producer Organization for business activities based on value chain and supporting youth for skill development training and placement.
- **Partnership Development:** Development of partnership with various service providers including technical support institutions, public and private sector organizations, financial institutions, etc., with the aim of dovetailing further resources required for the success of the project.
- **Project Management:** This component includes governance, implementation, coordination, learning and quality enhancement efforts.
- **Livelihood Model & Value Chain Developments:** Replication & demonstration of successful livelihood model & complete value chain development in the areas of agricultural, livestock sector and non-farm activities.

### **3. Purpose of the assignment:**

NERLP is looking for an accomplished and highly motivated technical expert in Agri-Business to improve the rural agri-business in the project districts and provide technical assistance and guidance to agri-based and livelihood programmes.

The purpose of the assignment is to develop an appropriate and realistic agricultural package of practices and to provide technical guidance in Agri-Business in design and implementation, thereby optimizing operational efficiency and productivity.

The consultant will be responsible for support and follow-up of activities related to agriculture and livestock, facilitating appropriate solution to the problem and issue being faced by the farmers, ensuring provision of required inputs, technical support, strategic planning, monitoring and training for promotion of all agri- livelihood activities.

The consultant will contribute to project design of agri-livestock components and identify and develop new solutions, scale up existing and successful NERLP agriculture and livestock initiatives and compile best practices. As and when required s/he will identify and establish strong strategic partnerships with the reputed technical agencies.

### **4. Responsibilities:**

The Consultant is responsible for implementation and follow-up of project Agri-Business activities, ensuring provision of required inputs, technical support and training and enhancing sustainability of Agri-Business activities.

#### **Outputs:**

- Incorporating current best package of practice, identification of necessary data/assessments for planning programs, identification of key partners for the assignment.
- Common agricultural approaches and best practices to be identified within the current NERLP context, based on information from field and partners, including contextual opportunities and constraints, and shared with project staff.
- Technical support to the Agri-Business sector, including an outline of a context specific Agri-Business strategy and the necessary components to support successful implementation and monitoring.

#### **Specific tasks:**

- Extensive travel to various field locations/districts to provide technical support, supervise and train project staff on application of scientific methods and appropriate cultivation and develop local/national strategies;
- Provide recommendations on how to incorporate Agri-Business complete value chains, including production, harvesting, storage, transportation, and marketing;

- Build knowledge and learning systems to ensure that Agri-Business and farming innovations and agricultural best practices are widely disseminated;
- Provide cross-sectoral technical support to project staff;
- Create opportunities for project staff in learning and collaborating for sharing best Practices within the project states.
- Develop recommendations on current livelihood activities to enhance value chains, improve post-harvest measures, incubate innovations and scale up pilots;
- Contribute to development of monitoring and evaluation tools for on-going agricultural programmes;
- Build and manage strategic technical partnerships with other organizations to strengthen technical capabilities to achieve the goals;
- Conduct multi-stakeholder consultations to identify and confirm all agriculture options including their costs, benefits and risks, within a livelihoods framework;
- Support preparation of agricultural assessment to set baselines, identify value chains and develop monitoring systems;
- Provide technical guidance in the broader areas of Agri-Business program identification;
- Provide recommendations on agricultural development strategies for the project livelihoods strategy. This will include analysis of different approaches in terms of their relevance and anticipated impact, methods to improve crop production, farming systems, access to markets, cost-effectiveness, and sustainability, among others;
- Develop a performance framework and assist in identifying project monitoring and evaluation indicators.

##### **5. Requisite Qualification (academic, experience)**

- ❖ Full time B.Sc Agri. from recognized University/ Degree in Agri-business, Rural Development, (agronomy, agro-zoo technician, veterinary, agro-economy and natural resource management), Development studies, Economics, Agricultural economics, Labour economics, Socio- economic studies, or other related field. Additional areas of experience could include water and sanitation, agro-ecology, land and water management and livestock management; economics, business administration or management.



- ❖ Minimum of 5-8 years for graduate and 3-5 years for post graduate in relevant practical field experience within one or more of the following areas: agricultural policy development and programmes related to self-reliance and livelihoods development in rural areas, gender analysis, risks and vulnerability assessment, community development and participation, urban and rural small business development, cooperatives and/or microfinance, agriculture/livestock, rapid and participatory rural appraisal, rural labour and employment issues.
- ❖ Comprehensive understanding of rural development theory and practice; experience in strategic planning and implementation of programmes linking rural employment, poverty reduction and food security.
- ❖ Proven experience in planning, implementing, and monitoring Agri-livelihoods programmes in community development Programmes.
- ❖ Knowledge of latest development in the livelihoods sector, and in-depth knowledge of agriculture and livestock as a subsector.
- ❖ Experience in value chain, market assessment and agro-business development.

#### 7. Skills

- Excellent analytical and communication skills in English and Hindi
- Ability to work as a part of a multi-cultural team;
- Excellent networking skills with private and public sector institutions;
- Extensive computer skills including excel, word and power point presentation.

8. **Payment term:** Rs 75,000 - 80,000 per Month (Consolidated)

9. **Age** : Below 55 Years Preferable:
- Good understanding of the work environment in the social / development sector.
  - Travel: Willingness to travel frequently

#### 10. Application Procedure

Candidates having the requisite qualification, age and experience may apply in English language as per the CV format given in the website in an envelope clearly marking as "Application for ..... (Name of the position applied for)"

- Responsiveness to TOR : Expression of Interest (EOI) with Personal CVs highlighting qualifications and experience in similar assignment; and must be submitted to ' **The Project Director, North East Rural Livelihood Project, House No. 102, Dilip Huzuri Path, Dispur, Guwahati- 781006.**
- Individuals having the required experience and competence relevant to the assignment shall be assessed and compared and called for interview.