



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

Country: **Philippines**

Name of Project: **Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling Project
(SPLIT)**

Loan No./Credit No./ Grant No.: **9141-PH**

Assignment Title: **Consultancy for Policy Review of Implementing Rules on the
SPLIT Project**

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): **SPLIT-REF-046**

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling (SPLIT) and intends to apply part of the loan proceeds to payment for the cost of Hiring a Consulting Firm (Consulting Services).

The consulting services (“the Services”) which is to be completed within one (1) year after issuance of Notice to Proceed (NTP) will conduct a process evaluation of the project. A process evaluation examines the extent to which a project is operating as intended by assessing ongoing operations and determining whether the target population is being served. The purpose of the consultancy are as follows:

- a. Reconcile and harmonize all policies and issuances pertaining to individual Parcelization and titling of CCLOAs, considering the objectives and timelines of the SPLIT Project;
- b. Assess the effectiveness and impact of existing policies and guidelines in the entire process of Parcelization, on current institutional arrangements and on the ARBs, project-affected persons and other stakeholders especially on women and other vulnerable groups;
- c. Determine the gaps or missing links in the various policies affecting other CIAs; Identify any inconsistencies of the project safeguards instruments with relevant national laws on environmental protection, protected areas conservation and indigenous rights;
- d. Assess how the administrative orders would affect or relate to other policy issuances of DAR;
- e. Come up with policy papers and draft bills proposing new policies or necessary amendment to existing policies to further improve the implementation of the project

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found in the following DAR website: **dar.gov.ph/project-split-procurement**

The Department of Agrarian Reform now invites eligible Consulting Firms “(Consultants)” 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, as outlined in the Terms of Reference. The shortlisting criteria are:

1. Minimum of 5 years of experience of the firm in conducting policy review and analysis.
2. Experience in the conduct of policy studies, research on agrarian reform laws and program implementation.
3. Experience in social and environmental assessment through actual engagement in DAR or any other government agency implementing similar land laws.
4. Experience in any research undertaking with foreign funding.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest


Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualification Based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours

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Expressions of interest including documentary evidence on the above requirements must be delivered in a written form to the address above (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by not later than **4:00 pm 30 September 2024**.


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