



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

Belize

Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)

Loan No.: **9347-BE**

Project ID No.: **P172592**

Assignment Title: **Social Safeguard Specialist**

Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): **CS 08**

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) is for a suitable qualified fulltime **PROJECT STAFF-SOCIAL SAFEGUARD SPECIALIST** as part of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of the CRESAP within the Belize Social Investment Fund. The Social Safeguard Specialist will be responsible for the environmental risk management during CRESAP's entire implementation and provide support to the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) inclusive of the PIU through due diligence assessment of the Project’s potential environmental risks defined within the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). These instruments describe procedures, assessments, mitigation measures, and monitoring actions to ensure that the potential environmental risks and impacts are adequately addressed in a manner acceptable to the Bank.

The GOB has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit an individual to fill the position of **Social Safeguard Specialist**.

The consultancy is expected to be for an initial period of Twenty-four (24) months commencing January 2023. The Social Safeguard Specialist will work closely with the Water Management and Climate Change Coordinator in the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Enterprise (MAFSE) and will be supervised by the Project Coordinator (PC) of the CRESAP PIU.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org or at the following link <https://sifbelize.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Revised-TOR-Social-Safeguard-Specialist-CRESAP-Mar-8-2023.pdf> on the website of BSIF at <https://sifbelize.org/archive>.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals (“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 (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)

Qualifications

Professional with a Bachelor’s degree in Anthropology, Sociology, Applied Social Science, Agro-ecology or Sustainable Development.

General Experience

At least three (3) years of relevant professional experience in Social safeguards/standards work, including the development and implementation of Social safeguards/standards instruments (Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental and Social Impact Assessments, Environmental and Social Management Plans, etc.) (max 30 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, the candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)

Specific Experience

- Experience in Social safeguards/standards work in agriculture development projects; (max 25 points)
- Knowledge and experience working with World Bank Safeguards/Standards Policies and instruments; or with similar standards and policies of other multilateral development institutions. (max 25 points)
- Experience working with internationally funded projects (e.g. World Bank, IDB, CDB, EU etc.) (max 20 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

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 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e., 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **March 31, 2023**, at 16:00 hours Belize Time

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