

G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development

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Expression of Interest

G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development (GBPIHED) – an autonomous Institute of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India – is presently in collaboration with SDC-IHCAP, working on Climate Change adaptation and other critical environmental issues of the IHR. It is proposed to develop **Policy Briefs/guidelines** on the following thematic issues of IHR after wider consultations with the relevant stakeholders.

1. Tourism and Climate Change

Apropos to this, GBPIHED invites eligible consultants who have procured rich experience in the similar assignments and proven track record in preparation/ drafting of policy briefs and/or apt amendments to the existing policies. The selection and appointment of the Consultant(s) will be in accordance with the procedures set by the Institute towards meeting the envisaged objectives.

Interested consultant may submit their “Expression of Interest” accompanied with the detailed CV indicating present associations including brief and achievements in similar assignments with credentials. S/he may obtain further information and the Terms of Reference (TOR) from the Institute website www.gbpihed.gov.in.

‘Expression of Interest’ must be sent to the following address latest by August 05, 2015. A copy should also be sent by e-mail to psdir@gbpihed.nic.in.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Sub: Selection of reputed Subject Matter Experts as Consultants for preparation of Policy Briefs/ Guidelines to resolve critical environmental issues of the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR).

G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development, established in August 1988 at Kosi-Katarmal, Almora, is an autonomous Institute of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India. The Institute works as a focal agency with a mandate to advance scientific knowledge, evolve integrated management strategies, demonstrate their efficacy for conservation of natural resources and ensure environmentally sound development in the entire Indian Himalayan Region (IHR).

The Institute, in collaboration with SDC-IHCAP, is focusing on the critical environmental issues directly relevant to adaptation measures for climate change in the IHR. It is proposed to develop **Policy Briefs** on thematic issue Tourism and Climate Change; after wider consultations with the relevant stakeholders. In this direction, thematic consultation workshops will also be organized for providing inputs towards finalization of policy briefs along with development and adaptation measures. These policy briefs will provide impetus to ensure proactive adaptation measures in the Indian Himalayas.

To ensure this in the current phase, the GBPIHED intends to engage services of the experts in the specific thematic areas. For carrying out the above task, GBPIHED invites "Expression of Interest" to empanel specialists /subject matter expert in the following areas.

1. Tourism and climate change

The focus of task is to identify and analyse the good Policies and Practices from different mountain countries and IHR states, followed by generating apt policy briefs and knowledge precursors in selected thematic areas for IHR after wider consultations. The stakeholders to be consulted during the assignment may include Policy planners, Academicians, Resource Persons, IHR State Governments' Officials, Communities, *etc.* Organization of thematic consultation workshops for finalization of policy briefs will be essential for developing the policy briefs. The concerned expert(s) will review the data, reports, *etc.* from various sources and submit the new draft policy brief(s) with suggestion/remedial actions within stipulated time frame. GBPIHED will share the data, reports,*etc.* available with the Institute.

After getting the clearance from GBPIHED, the consultant shall start the job and submit the report within given time frame. The terms of payment will be decided based on mutual consensus at the time of signing the contract.

For field visits, as and when required, the travel cost will be reimbursed as per the Institute norms.

Interested Consultant may submit their "Expression of Interest" accompanied with the complete CV indicating present associations, total experience including details of their experiences in similar assignments with credentials and expected remuneration for the assignment.

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Terms of Reference (TOR)

The Terms of Reference of the Consultant are as follows:

- Assess and appraise the objectives and status of existing policies (National and International) *vis-à-vis* their implementation status at different levels in the region;
- Examine and take into account various relevant orders, amendments and judicial pronouncements affecting these policies and appraise the determinative factors;
- Draft policy briefs in the aforesaid subject/ thematic area to give impetus to the proposed recommendations appropriately; and
- Recommend or specify precise amendments/ modifications in existing policies or new policies needed in each of these areas, which ascertain them in line with current *status quo*/requirements and meet objectives of climate change adaptation and sustainable development in the IHR.

Time Frame for the assignment:

| Major Activity | Timeline | Final/ Submission Date | Deliverable(s) |
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| Engagement of Consultant | 05-Aug to 15-Aug, 2015 | 15-Aug-2015 | Work order |
| Collection & compilation of material and references | 15-Aug to 15-Sept., 2015 | 15-Sept.-2015 | Policy Brief framework |
| Framework/ skeleton of policy drafts | 15-Aug to 15-Sept., 2015 | 15-Sept.-2015 | |
| Submission of first draft of policy brief and its presentation before the Institution Committee | 1-Sept to 15-Oct., 2015 | 15-Oct.-2015 | First draft of the Policy Brief |
| Participation and presentation in 2 nd Regional Workshop (2 nd R-WS) to be organized by GBPIHED under Sustainable Himalayan Development Forum in North western Himalaya | 06-Oct. 2015 | 06-Oct. 2015 | Inputs from stakeholders |
| Communication of comments of Institute Committee on the first draft to consultant | 15-Oct. to 30-Oct., 2015 | 30-Oct.-2015 | Comments from Institute |
| Submission of final policy brief along with final report and presentation before the Institute committee and other stakeholders | 30-Oct. to 15- Nov., 2015 | 15-Nov.-2015 | Final Policy brief with supporting data |
| Circulation of final policy brief to different experts and stakeholders for comments | 15-Nov. to 15 Dec., 2015 | 15- Dec.- 2015 | Inputs from experts/ states |
| Publication of Policy Briefs and circulation | 15- Dec., 2015 | 15- Dec., 2015 | Published Policy Brief |
| National Workshop (1 st N-WS) and participation and presentation in the National forum | 22-23 Dec, 2015 | 31-Dec-2015 | Assignment completed |