Selection of Consultants
- Request for Expressions of Interest

Consulting Service of Biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration of Maoli Lake National Wetland Park

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Client: Hunan Maoli Lake Daye Ecological Construction and Development Co., Ltd.

Tendering Agency: Instrimpex International Tendering Co., Ltd.

Country: The People’s Republic of China

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**Matrix template for evaluating Expressions of Interest**

The table below may be used to establish the shortlist of Applicants. One table must be completed for each Applicant. For each experience submitted by the Applicant, check the boxes of the criteria which are met by the experience.

Name of the Applicant: ________________________________________________________________

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The selection of Applicants to be shortlisted shall follow the rules as defined herebelow:

- The Applicant must have at least one experience in each criterion; otherwise the application will be disqualified.
- The ranking of Applicants is based on the greatest number of criterion fulfilled (boxes checked).
- For a Joint Venture, the experiences of all members will be added together for a combined total.

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1 Each criterion column should reflect the list of similar experiences provided in the Request for Expressions of Interest, such as (i) Nature of services, (ii) Technical expertise and (iii) Location.
2 Each row will be a separate experience which is listed in the application.
3 The "total" for each column indicates the number of experiences which meet the criterion.
Biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration of Maoli Lake National Wetland Park

CONSULTING SERVICES
Expressions of Interest

Hunan Maoli Lake Dave Ecological Construction and Development Co., Ltd. has applied for a financing from Agence Française de Développement ("AFD"), and intends to use part of the funds thereof for payments under the following project: consulting service of biodiversity conservation and ecological restoration of Maoli Lake National Wetland Park.

1. Project Background

Jinshi city is located at Lishui River down-stream that is one of the greatest four surface-water systems of Hunan province. Jinshi city is surrounding by Dong Ting Lake, Yuanshui River, Yangtze River, and Daoshui River, Censhui river, Chanshui River. And the Li Shui’s mainstream goes through the Jinshi. Tracking bank along is 76km in Jing Shi. Also, it contains 21 lakes, 11 rivers, 29 aqueous reservoirs, and 8038 ponds; the total area of surface water is 12000 ha. Maoli Lake located in the south of Jinshi city, is the second largest surface water in Jinshi, and the total area of surface water is about 4000 ha.

Maoli Lake National Wetland Park (the "National Wetland Park" will be abbreviated as “NWP” in the following text) is located in the southeast of Jinshi city, with lake wetland as the main body; its east is adjacent to Maolihu town (former Baohedi town), west is adjacent to Baiyi town, north is adjacent to Maolihu town (former Lijiapu town), south is connected to Yaoshan town (former Dukou town). Geographical location of Maoli Lake NWP: E 111º51′08″-111º58′28″, N 29º20′48″-29º29′40″.

Maoli lake has gradually become an important winter habitat for migratory birds in the region, and the national wetland park has been included in 22 national key wetland parks. The Jinshi municipal government and Hunan provincial government hope to make the project a model for conservation and rational use of ecosystems at provincial and even national levels.

On December 20th, 2018, Agence Française de Développement (abbreviated as “AFD”) awarded a loan to the Popular Republic of China to finance a demonstration project on biodiversity conservation and utilization in the Maoli Lake National Wetland Park including four components in Jinshi city, Hunan province. The total project investment stands at CNY 376 Million (approximately €48.2M) and the amount financed by AFD is €35M.

Through the implementation of the project, the biodiversity and all kinds of habitats in the project area can be effectively protected and restored, environmental education and eco-tourism can be effectively developed, the community development ability and the national wetland park organization and management ability can be improved, so as to realize the long-term protection of the ecosystem of the maoli lake.

The project has set up four specific components, namely protection and restoration of biodiversity and its ecosystem services, community sustainable development, development of the Maoli Lake Ecotourism and environmental education, and capacity building.

2. Procurement Plan

The project consists of seven (7) contracts (also called as “lots”), respectively are

a) Consulting services of Technical Assistance (TA);

b) Construction of the Community Center, Forest Ecological Community and Ecological Health base;

c) Tourist Areas, Environmental Educaiotn Exhibition Center;
d) Design and Construction Smart Management Platform;

e) Maoli Lake Ecological Restoration Works;

f) Civil Works; and

g) The integrated project management of Survey, Design, and Supervision.

3. The Services of the consultant shall consist of 5 main components:

a) Technical Assistance to project management and capacity building;

b) Biodiversity monitoring and action plan;

c) Water management at watershed level;

d) Habitat, land use and climate change impacts management;

e) Community development, ecotourism and environmental education.

Hunan Maoli Lake Daye Ecological Construction and Development Co., Ltd. hereby invites Applicants to show their interest in delivering the Services described above.

This Request for Expressions of Interest is open to:

- Consulting firms or JV
- Individual consultants
- NGOs
- Joint Venture between NGO(s) and consulting firm(s)

Eligibility criteria to AFD financing are specified in sub-clause 1.3 of the "Procurement Guidelines for AFD-Financed Contracts in Foreign Countries", available online on AFD’s website: http://www.afd.fr.

The Applicant shall submit only one application, either in its own name or as a member of a Joint Venture (JV). If an Applicant (including any JV member) submits or participates in more than one application, those applications shall be all rejected. However, the same Subconsultant may participate in several applications.

If the Applicant is a JV, the expression of interest shall include:

- a copy of the JV Agreement entered into by all members,

or

- a letter of intent to execute a JV Agreement, signed by all members together with a copy of the Agreement proposal,

In the absence of this document, the other members will be considered as Subconsultants.

Experiences and qualifications of Subconsultants are not taken into account in the evaluation of the applications.

Interested Applicants must provide information evidencing that they are qualified and experienced to perform those Services. For that purpose, documented evidence of recent and similar services shall be submitted.

Determination of the similarity of the experiences will be based on:

- **The contracts size:**

  No less than EUR 2 million for the bidder, in case of JV, the combined contract value of consortium members shall not less than EUR 2 million.

- **The nature of the Services:**
a) TA to project management and capacity building

The consultant shall support the project management unit (PMU) with project management for all four components of the project, which includes but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- To assist the PMU in the Project's initial planning and co-ordination, guide the project owner on project implementation;
- Supporting the PMU in managing and overseeing the Environmental, Health and Safety aspects for construction and operation of the Project;
- To assist the project owner prepare for part of the tender process, including: Assist the preparation of bidding documents (technical parts, commercial part shall be handled by the tendering agency); 2) assist the bidding evaluation process if necessary as observer;
- From the perspective of project design, to propose the overall design requirement of this project, further draft and finalise the detailed technical specifications of the integrated survey, design, supervision services based on the instructions raised by the project owner’s instruction.
- Providing assistance and training to the PMU to manage the rest of the project on its own.
- To assist the project owner on financial management of the project and provide training on disbursement procedure;
- To assist the project owner to prepare project progress reports on the semi-annual basis and project completion report for AFD;
- Assist the project owner to prepare and translate other necessary reports required by AFD during the project implementation;
- Assist the project owner to prepare and translate other necessary reports required by the government during project implementation;
- To develop a project evaluation system with the definition of key indicators and monitoring mechanism;
- To assist the project owner on the valorization of his system for the monitoring and management system (water and biodiversity);

b) Biodiversity monitoring and action plan

This part mainly requires suppliers to provide technical assistance for projects related to biodiversity survey, monitoring and action plan in the logical framework of the project to meet the project implementation plan.

- To carry out comprehensive scientific investigation, compile relevant reports and drawings, and the results of which shall be subject to expert review
- Invasive species inventory and management planing
- Develop a biodiversity monitoring network plan;
- Technical assistance for implementation of biodiversity monitoring;
- Biodiversity protection action plan of Maoli Lake watershed scale;

c) Water management at watershed level

This part mainly requires suppliers to provide technical assistance for projects related to watershed water resources in the logical framework of this project and mainly focus on the utilization and management of watershed water resources. At least the following work shall be carried out:

- Investigation and mapping of Water system and lake watershed structure in Maoli Lake watershed
- Investigation and analysis of water resources
- Establishment of an integrated watershed management mechanism and planning
- Improvement of watershed management capacity based on "river chief system"

**d) Habitat, land use and climate change impacts management**

This part mainly requires suppliers to provide technical assistance for projects related to habitat and climate change within the logical framework of the project, to study the impact of climate change on the ecosystem of the lake Murray watershed and to develop an action plan accordingly.

- Study on the impact of extreme climate change on the ecosystem of mauri lake (animal, plant, hydrologic and water resources, land use)
- Study on habitat selection and restoration of wintering migratory birds
- Action plan for 10 years in the context of climate change

**e) Community development, ecotourism and environmental education**

This part mainly requires the supplier to provide technical assistance for projects related to community development, ecotourism and environmental education in the logical framework of this project, propose specific strategies for community development, make overall planning and design for ecotourism and environmental education, and assist the owner to carry out environmental education and training. The specific contents include but are not limited to:

- To formulate the community protection and development plan
- To carry out comprehensive scientific investigation, compile relevant reports and drawings, and the results of which shall be subject to expert review

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**The technical area and expertise:**

a) The project requires the supplier to be a joint venture of Chinese and foreign consulting firms with experience in implementing international financing (foreign government loan or IFI funds) projects in China meanwhile managing the biodiversity conservation, the ecotourism projects as well as the environmental and social assessments.

b) The team shall comprise of at least a team leader, deputy team leader and experts respectively in the following sectors, such as Design, Ornithology, Ecology, Water Resources, Environment and Society, Ecotourism and Environmental Education, Community Development, Engineering.

c) All experts must be fluent in English and have significant experience of working in China. Fluency in Chinese will be perceived very favorably.

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**Other Requirements:**

The Client will also take into account for the evaluation of the applications the following items:

a) Any one member of the joint venture shall base in China or at least have an agent representative/partner in China, and the total number of the joint venture members shall not exceed six (6).

b) The proposed bidder to award the Technical Assistance (TA) Contract will not be permitted to participate in other contracts under this project.
Among the submitted applications, Hunan Maoli Lake Daye Ecological Construction and Development Co., Ltd. will shortlist a maximum of six (6) Applicants, to whom the Request for Proposals to carry out the Services shall be sent.

The Expressions of Interest must be submitted to the email address below no later than 0.00 a.m. on 12 September, 2019.

Attention: Ms. Zhang Liyuan
Email: zhangliyuan@cniitc.genertec.com.cn

Interested Applicants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours: from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Attention: Zhang Liyuan
Tendering Company: Instrimpex International Tendering Co., Ltd.
Address: Rm1506, Genertec Plaza, No.90, Xisihuan ZhongLu, Fengtai District, Beijing, P.R.China (P.O box number:100055 )
Telephone: +86 10 63348506
Email: zhangliyuan@cniitc.genertec.com.cn

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1 The date specified must be later than three weeks from the date of publication of the notice.
2 For example, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Appendix to The Request for Expressions of Interest  
(To be submitted with the application, signed and unaltered)  

Statement of Integrity, Eligibility and Environmental and Social Responsibility  

Reference of the bid or proposal ____________________________ (the “Contract”)  
To: ______________________________________________________ (the “Contracting Authority”)  

1. We recognise and accept that Agence Franç aise de Dé veloppement (“AFD”) only finances projects of the Contracting Authority subject to its own conditions which are set out in the Financing Agreement which benefits directly or indirectly to the Contracting Authority. As a matter of consequence, no legal relationship exists between AFD and our company, our joint venture or our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants. The Contracting Authority retains exclusive responsibility for the preparation and implementation of the procurement process and performance of the contract. The Contracting Authority means the Purchaser, the Employer, the Client, as the case may be, for the procurement of goods, works, plants, consulting services or non-consulting services.  

2. We hereby certify that neither we nor any other member of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations:  

2.1 Being bankrupt, wound up or ceasing our activities, having our activities administered by the courts, having entered into receivership, reorganisation or being in any analogous situation arising from any similar procedure;  

2.2 Having been:  

   a) convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of res judicata in the country where the Contract is implemented, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such conviction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this conviction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);  

   b) subject to an administrative sanction within the past five years by the European Union or by the competent authorities of the country where we are constituted, for fraud, corruption or for any other offense committed during a procurement process or performance of a contract (in the event of such sanction, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this sanction is not relevant in the context of this Contract);  

   c) convicted, within the past five years by a court decision, which has the force of res judicata, of fraud, corruption or of any other offense committed during the procurement process or performance of an AFD-financed contract;  

2.3 Being listed for financial sanctions by the United Nations, the European Union and/or France for the purposes of fight-against-terrorist financing or threat to international peace and security;  

2.4 Having been subject within the past five years to a contract termination fully settled against us for significant or persistent failure to comply with our contractual obligations during contract performance, unless this termination was challenged and dispute resolution is still pending or has not confirmed a full settlement against us;  

2.5 Not having fulfilled our fiscal obligations regarding payments of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of either the country where we are constituted or the Contracting Authority’s country;
2.6 Being subject to an exclusion decision of the World Bank and being listed on the website http://www.worldbank.org/debarr (in the event of such exclusion, you may attach to this Statement of Integrity supporting information showing that this exclusion is not relevant in the context of this Contract);

2.7 Having created false documents or committed misrepresentation in documentation requested by the Contracting Authority as part of the procurement process of this Contract.

3. We hereby certify that neither we, nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants are in any of the following situations of conflict of interest:

3.1 Being an affiliate controlled by the Contracting Authority or a shareholder controlling the Contracting Authority, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

3.2 Having a business or family relationship with a Contracting Authority’s staff involved in the procurement process or the supervision of the resulting Contract, unless the stemming conflict of interest has been brought to the attention of AFD and resolved to its satisfaction;

3.3 Being controlled by or controlling another bidder or consultant, or being under common control with another bidder or consultant, or receiving from or granting subsidies directly or indirectly to another bidder or consultant, having the same legal representative as another bidder or consultant, maintaining direct or indirect contacts with another bidder or consultant which allows us to have or give access to information contained in the respective applications, bids or proposals, influencing them or influencing decisions of the Contracting Authority;

3.4 Being engaged in a consulting services activity, which, by its nature, may be in conflict with the assignments that we would carry out for the Contracting Authority;

3.5 In the case of procurement of goods, works or plants:
   a) Having prepared or having been associated with a consultant who prepared specifications, drawings, calculations and other documentation to be used in the procurement process of this Contract;
   b) Having been recruited (or being proposed to be recruited) ourselves or any of our affiliates, to carry out works supervision or inspection for this Contract.

4. If we are a state-owned entity, and to compete in a procurement process, we certify that we have legal and financial autonomy and that we operate under commercial laws and regulations.

5. We undertake to bring to the attention of the Contracting Authority, which will inform AFD, any change in situation with regard to points 2 to 4 here above.

6. In the context of the procurement process and performance of the corresponding contract:

6.1 We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) deliberately indented to deceive others, to intentionally conceal items, to violate or vitiate someone's consent, to make them circumvent legal or regulatory requirements and/or to violate their internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;

6.2 We have not and we will not engage in any dishonest conduct (act or omission) contrary to our legal or regulatory obligations or our internal rules in order to obtain illegitimate profit;

6.3 We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to (i) any Person who holds a legislative, executive, administrative or judicial mandate within the State of the Contracting Authority regardless of whether that Person was nominated or elected, regardless of the permanent or temporary, paid or unpaid nature of the position and regardless of the hierarchical level the Person occupies, (ii) any other Person who performs a public function, including for a State institution or a State-owned company, or who provides a public service, or (iii) any other person defined as a Public Officer by the national laws of the Contracting Authority’s country, an undue advantage of

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any kind, for himself or for another Person or entity, for such Public Officer to act or refrain from acting in his official capacity;

6.4 We have not promised, offered or given and we will not promise, offer or give, directly or indirectly to any Person who occupies an executive position in a private sector entity or works for such an entity, regardless of the nature of his/her capacity, any undue advantage of any kind, for himself or another Person or entity for such Person to perform or refrain from performing any act in breach of its legal, contractual or professional obligations;

6.5 We have not and we will not engage in any practice likely to influence the contract award process to the detriment of the Contracting Authority and, in particular, in any anti-competitive practice having for object or for effect to prevent, restrict or distort competition, namely by limiting access to the market or the free exercise of competition by other undertakings;

6.6 Neither we nor any of the members of our joint venture or any of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants shall acquire or supply any equipment nor operate in any sectors under an embargo of the United Nations, the European Union or France;

6.7 We commit ourselves to comply with and ensure that all of our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants comply with international environmental and labour standards, consistent with laws and regulations applicable in the country of implementation of the Contract, including the fundamental conventions of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and international environmental treaties. Moreover, we shall implement environmental and social risks mitigation measures when specified in the environmental and social commitment plan (ESCP) provided by the Contracting Authority.

7. We, as well as members of our joint venture and our suppliers, contractors, subcontractors, consultants or subconsultants authorise AFD to inspect accounts, records and other documents relating to the procurement process and performance of the contract and to have them audited by auditors appointed by AFD.

Name: __________________________ In the capacity of: ________________________________

Duly empowered to sign in the name and on behalf of: __________________________

Signature: _______________________________________________________________________

Dated: _________________________________________________________________________

1 In case of joint venture, insert the name of the joint venture. The person who will sign the application, bid or proposal on behalf of the applicant, bidder or consultant shall attach a power of attorney from the applicant, bidder or consultant.