

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

USAID Uganda Biodiversity for Resilience Activity

I. Background:

The goal of the USAID/Uganda Biodiversity for Resilience (B4R) Activity, implemented by RTI International, is to assist communities, the Government of Uganda (GOU), and the private sector to conserve and manage biodiversity in target ecosystems for lasting environmental and economic sustainability and increased community and household resilience. The USAID/Uganda B4R Activity will achieve this through three interrelated outcomes:

- Economic, financial, and social investments are linked to and incentivize conservation.
- Governance arrangements benefit biodiversity and enable communities to benefit from biodiversity.
- GOU strengthens its sustainable management of targeted protected areas and biodiversity adjacent to protected areas.

The Activity is being implemented by RTI International (www.rti.org), which is an organization dedicated to conducting innovative, multi-disciplinary research to improve the human condition. The USAID/Uganda B4R Activity to this effect is inviting interested eligible and competent firms and service providers via this Expression of Interest (EOI) to respond on their willingness to be shortlisted for the following services:

ENGINEERING SUPERVISION FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IN TWO UGANDAN PROTECTED AREAS.

II. Objectives of Assignment:

In close coordination with the Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA) and the National Forestry Association (NFA), the USAID/Uganda B4R Activity aims to promote ecotourism and enhance private sector engagement in the Kalinzu Central Forest Reserve, as well as to increase the capacity of UWA to deliver on their ecological and threat monitoring and enforcement capacity in the Kidepo National Park through specific construction activities, including:

- Kalinzu Central Forest Reserve
 - One (1) Visitor Center
 - One (1) Canopy Walk
- Kidepo National Park
 - Three (3) ranger outposts at Karua, Kaekem and Imiliny
 - Five (5) boreholes at Lokumoit Gate, Kaekem, Karua/Natedekitoi, Natabe Gate and Lokorimongin
 - Five (5) low stream water crossings along Kidepo river, and at Kurao, Tongobore, Lopiripir

UWA and NFA will serve as key partners and provide oversight and support during the construction of the canopy walk and visitor center in Kalinzu CFR (NFA), and the ranger outposts, boreholes and low water stream crossings in Kidepo (UWA).

In view of the above, the anticipated scope of the services shall be in the following phases, with approximate durations and dates:

Phase I – implemented within 9 months (1 June 2022 - 1 March 2023)

- Conduct review of construction plans and designs for each site
- Development of construction monitoring plans
- Development of construction bidding documents
- Assist and participate in evaluation process

Phase II – implemented within 18 months (1 March 2023 - 1 September 2024)

- Management and supervision of field construction activities
- Support with construction contract administration
- Conduct construction closeout and handover

Phase III – Defect Liability Period 6 months (1 Sept 2024- 1 March 2025)

- Monitor and test and fix any issues with the construction

III. Eligibility/Criteria for Selection

Interested Firms should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform this technical assignment. The short-listing criteria will include:

- a) Expression of Interest letter, detailing managerial and technical personnel, estimated timelines and scope of work.
 - a. Curriculum vitae must be enclosed for all proposed technical and managerial personnel, detailing credible and reputable experience
- b) Applicants must submit information about the firm, including but not limited to Name of Organization, description of organization, and contact information.
- c) Applicants must submit at least 2 past performances for construction activities in natural areas and/or similar scope (see Annex A for template).
- d) Shortlisted organizations will be required to submit evidence of current insurance policies. Insurance coverage must be provided by reputable international carriers.
- e) Applicant firms must have engineers licensed in the United States or the European Union.
- f) International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) certification strongly preferred for individuals named in the EOI.
- g) Interested bidders must submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) to the undersigned no later than **Monday, March 21st, 2022, Time 4:00 PM US EST.**

IV. Submission Guidelines

EOI must be in English and not exceed ten (10) pages (excluding cover page, executive summary, and annexes). Any EOI with more than 10 pages will not be considered for review and evaluation. Firms will be shortlisted using Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method. Expression of interest should be submitted via email B4RPMU@rti.org. For submission emails, please format the subject line using the following: *Name of Organization | USAID B4R | EOI Response | Engineering Management for Construction Activities*

V. Summary

1	EOI Date	March 10, 2022
2	Issuing Office	RTI International Home Office – USAID/Uganda B4R
3	Assignment Locations	Kalinzu Central Forest Reserve & Kidepo National Park, Uganda
4	Submission Deadline	Monday, March 21st, 2022, Time 4:00 PM US EST.
5	Notification of Selection for inclusion in the shortlist to receive the full RFP	Friday, March 25, 2022
6	EOI Submission Method	Electronically in English to B4RPMU@rti.org
7	Anticipated Duration of Award	Three (3) years 1 June 2022- 1 March 2025 (approximate)

Disclaimer: Issuance of this call does not constitute an award commitment on the part of USAID/Uganda B4R/RTI International nor commit the Activity to pay for costs incurred in the preparation and submission of the EOI. Further, USAID/Uganda B4R reserves the right to reject any or all EOIs received. Similarly, an invitation for further negotiation or to submit a full application is not a commitment to fund that application.

**USAID Uganda Biodiversity for Resilience Activity
Past Performance Reference Template**

Reference submitted by:

Name of Client		
Address		
Brief Description of Services Provided		
Start Date (Month/Year)	Completion Date (Month/Year)	Local currency and U.S. Dollar Value of Services
		UGX USD
Name, Position for Client Reference Contact		Telephone and Email