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**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PROCUREMENT
OF CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR Feasibility Assessment for Developing
a Carbon Finance Project in District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand
through National Competitive Procurement Process**

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Instruction to Bidders

1. The Schedule of Procurement Process is as below:

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| Name of Bid | Expression of Interest (EoI) for Feasibility Assessment for Developing a Carbon Finance Project in District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand |
| EoI Publication Date | 30 th December 2025 |
| Deadline for enquiries via email | 7 th January 2026 up to 1700 Hrs |
| EoI Submission deadline | 20 th January 2026 up to 1700 Hrs |
| Mode of submission | Sealed envelopes through post, or courier or by hand |
| Presentation by shortlisted agencies | Date and timing will be shared via email |

2. A non-refundable processing fee of Rs. 11800/- (Rupees Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred only) shall be submitted in form of demand draft drawn on any scheduled bank in favor of 'State SARRA Center' along with each EOI bid. In the absence of adequate EOI processing fees, the responses received shall not be considered for further processing and the bid shall be rejected without further evaluation or response. The EoI processing fee will be exempted for company/bidders/agency who possess a valid MSME registration certificate.
3. For any additional information or clarification regarding the EOI, the interested Consultants, in writing by email to the email id mentioned below, seek information or clarification from the Client before the last date of Submission of EOI.
4. The Client reserves the right to accept or reject or cancel any or all the Proposals or to abandon the procurement process in the administrative/work/public/project interest. The decision of the competent authority shall be legally binding and acceptable to the bidders in this regard.

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ANNEXURE A - Details of the Consultant
(To be submitted on the letter head of the Consultant)

Form 1

1. (a) Name:
(b) Country of incorporation:
(c) Corporate Identity Number/ LLP Identification Number/ Proprietary Registration Number:
(d) Address of the office/corporate headquarters and its branch office(s), if any, in India:
(e) Address of the office/ corporate headquarters or its branch office(s), in Uttarakhand:
2. Brief description of the Consultant including details of its main lines of business and proposed role and responsibilities in these Services:
3. Details of individual(s) who will serve as the point of contact/communication for the Client:
 - (a) Name:
 - (b) Designation:
 - (c) Company:
 - (d) Address:
 - (e) Telephone Number:
 - (f) E-Mail Address:
 - (g) Fax Number:
 - (h) Mobile:
4. A statement by the Consultant disclosing material non-performance or contractual non- compliance in past Assignment, contractual disputes and litigation/ arbitration during the last 36 (thirty-six) months from the last date of submission is given below (Specify only those where final awards is pending).

| Year | Name of Work/ Assignment | Name of Client with Contact details | Contract No. and Date | Value of Contract in Rs. | Date Completed | Nature of Litigation |
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5. I / We confirm that all the registrations submitted are under operation presently and shall be used for all related activities.

Note: Consultant shall fill in this Form in the format provided above. No alterations to its format shall be permitted.

SIGNATURE OF THE CONSULTANT WITH DATE AND OFFICIAL SEAL

(Name and Designation)
Duly authorized to sign the Proposal on Behalf of
(Name & address of the Consultant and Seal)

ANNEXURE B: Checklist of Documents to be submitted by the Consultant along with the Technical Proposal
(Refer Section III of the RFP Document)

| Sl No | Heading | Documentary Proofs | Submitted YES/NO | Page no |
|-------|--|--|------------------|---------|
| 1. | Proposal documents | Proposal Document and Demand Draft for payment of Processing Fee along with supporting documents to substantiate the same | | |
| 2. | Statement of not been debarred or removed from empanelled/registered list by the Procuring Entity/ Purchaser | Furnish a Notorised stamp paper of value Rs 100/- to this effect. | | |
| 3. | Legal Status of the Consultant | a. Furnish a copy of the Registration Certificate along with copy of PAN and the IT returns for the last 36 months preceding the last date for submission of Proposals as a proof of identity. | | |
| 4. | Qualification Criteria Demonstration – Consultant References | Furnish a copy of the following documents a) Copy of completion certificate from the client for satisfactory performance b) Appointment letters for establishing requisite experience | | |
| 5. | Qualification Criteria Demonstration – Financial Capacity of the Consultant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate(s) from Statutory Auditors stating total revenues from professional fees during each of the past three financial years. • In the event that the Consultant does not have a statutory auditor, it shall Provide the requisite certificate(s) from the firm of Chartered Accountants that ordinarily audits the annual accounts of the Consultant. | | |
| 6. | List of Registrations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration under the applicable law for establishing their legal identity • Active Registration under the Goods and Service Tax (GST) [& last submitted return as proof of submission of dues] • Permanent Account Number (PAN) issued by the Board of Direct Taxes under the Income Tax Act, 1961 • Registration for MSE issued by authority under MSE Policy for Uttarakhand/MSE issued by Authority under MSE policy of Uttarakhand. | | |

SECTION VI: TERMS OF REFERENCES

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Feasibility Assessment for Developing a Carbon Finance Project in Uttarakhand through National Competitive Procurement Process

1. BACKGROUND

In the light of the conditions becoming increasingly difficult day by day for local life due to global climate change and man-made factors and continuously drying up water sources in the state of Uttarakhand in the last few decades, there is a need to identify the natural water sources and rainfed rivers of the state using scientific methods and achieve the goal of revitalization of rivers and continuous flow in water sources by treating them in a phased manner through various soil and moisture conservation interventions like- check dams, contour trenches, recharge pits etc.

To achieve this, the interventions of various line departments needs to be integrated. In view of the, after due consideration, the government has decided to establish Spring and River Rejuvenation Authority (SARRA) under the Watershed Management Directorate.

It is the Nodal agency of the State for capacity development of various line Departments, Institutes, N.G.O's of the State and Watershed Department for scientific planning, implementation & financing and monitoring & evaluation of Spring and River Rejuvenation programmes in the State of Uttarakhand.

2. DESCRIPTION

The purpose of establishment of Spring and River Rejuvenation Authority (SARRA) at State level is to identify all the water sources of the state which need to be rejuvenated on priority to ensure increase in sustainable water discharge and pereniality of the rainfed rivers. It is targeted to be achieved by ensuring community participation of local people for sustainable flow of springs, streams and rainfed-rivers, i.e., the overall improvement of riverine ecosystem.

3. NEED FOR CONSULTANCY SUPPORT

Various Projects are being implemented by the Watershed Management Directorate

(WMD), Government of Uttarakhand, across various landscapes in Pauri District of Uttarakhand, representing a significant initiative to promote biodiversity conservation, sustainable land management, and climate resilience. The project's plantation activities, including orchard development, agroforestry plantations, river bank plantations, pastureland development, homestead plantations, and post-Lantana eradication plantations such as mulberry, offer strong potential for generating verified carbon credits under Global Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM) mechanisms. These credits can be leveraged to attract climate finance, which in turn can strengthen community participation and ensure long-term sustainability of restoration activities. Recognizing this potential, the Watershed Management Directorate (WMD) is willing to seek technical support from Consulting agencies to undertake a **Feasibility Study for developing a Carbon Finance Project.**

4. OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of this assignment is to undertake a comprehensive feasibility assessment for developing a carbon finance project in Uttarakhand under SARRA across selective areas of Pauri District.

The study is aimed to evaluate the technical viability, financial attractiveness, and institutional readiness of various project interventions for generating carbon credits under globally recognized Voluntary Carbon Market frameworks such as Verra (VCS) and Gold Standard. It will systematically identify plantation and landscape restoration areas with measurable carbon sequestration potential, assess baseline biomass and soil carbon levels, and project future carbon accrual using scientifically sound and internationally compliant methodologies. Furthermore, the assessment aims to determine long-term carbon revenue opportunities and develop sustainable governance mechanisms that ensure equitable benefit-sharing with local farming communities. The outcome of this assignment is expected to serve as a strategic foundation for mobilizing climate finance and strengthening the adoption of nature-based solutions and landscape restoration initiatives across the selected districts.

5. SCOPE OF WORK

The assignment shall include, but not be limited to, the following components:

- Land Eligibility and Suitability Analysis using RS-GIS tools to identify degraded, fallow, or underutilized lands suitable for ARR (Afforestation, Reforestation, and Revegetation) interventions.

- Baseline Carbon Stock Assessment through field sampling and RS-GIS modelling using IPCC Tier II/III methodologies.
- Economic and Financial Feasibility to evaluate cost-benefit and potential revenue from carbon credits under different price and survival scenarios.
- Institutional and Policy Review to assess readiness and convergence opportunities with existing schemes.
- Investor Engagement and Carbon Standard Alignment to explore linkages with potential investors and assess registration feasibility under Verra/Gold Standard.
- Preparation of Feasibility Report with district-wise mapping, technical, financial, and institutional recommendations.

6. STUDY AREA

The proposed feasibility assessment will focus on the various landscapes within Pauri District, which will serve as the primary study area.

7. EXPERIENCE OF THE AGENCY and COMPOSITION OF THE EXPERT TEAM INVOLVED BY THE AGENCY

A- The agency must have the following expertise

- Agency shall be a private entity, government-owned entity or, any combination of these having a formal intent and legal competency to enter into an agreement or contract and are registered under respective Act and Jurisdiction in India.
- Agency should be having minimum 10 years of expertise in Research, Monitoring & Evaluation in the field of Natural Resource Management and Conservation, preferably in projects which are externally funded.
- The agency should have handled average annual funds of Minimum ₹5 Crores during the last three financial years (FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25)
- The agency must demonstrate prior experience in handling projects related to Carbon Financing.
- The Agency should not have been blacklisted by any Central / State Government or Undertakings of Central / State Government/Donor Agencies in India in the last five years.

B- The key personnel of the proponent Agency must have the minimum experience as mentioned in table below:

Table: Minimum Required Experience of Key Personnel's

| S.No. | Position | Educational Qualification | Number of years of professional experience | Specific expertise |
|-------|---|--|--|--|
| 1. | Team Leader-Carbon Finance & Project Structuring Expert (K1) | Post-Graduate qualification in Forestry / Environmental Sciences / Climate Finance / Natural Resource Management | 15 years | Experience in Forestry, carbon market mechanisms and development of Carbon Financing projects. Demonstrated experience of working with Government or on Externally aided projects |
| 2. | Forestry & Landscape Restoration Specialist (K2) | Post-Graduate qualification in Forestry / Ecology / Environmental Management | 10 years | Experience in forestry, ecological restoration, biomass assessment and silviculture practices. Experience in Himalayan ecosystem preferred |
| 3. | Community Engagement & Institutional Integration Expert (K2) | Post-Graduate qualification in Social Sciences / Rural Development / Environmental Science or equivalent. | 10 years | Experience in institutional strengthening, community mobilization, and participatory governance in natural resource management Experience working with various Government schemes preferred. |
| 4 | Environmental Economist (K2) | Post-Graduate qualification in Environmental Science/ Environmental Economics / Sustainability Management | 5 years | Experience in Carbon Finance mechanism, carbon credit pricing, financial modelling (NPV, IRR), carbon revenue projections, and benefit-sharing frameworks. |
| 5 | RS-GIS Specialist / Carbon Stock Modelling Expert (K3) | Post-Graduate degree in GIS / Geoinformatics / Remote Sensing / Environmental Sciences | 5 years | Hands-on experience in spatial carbon modelling, LULC mapping, vegetation indices, biomass modelling using IPCC-compliant methods |
| 6 | GIS Analyst / Spatial Data Specialist (K3) | Post-Graduate degree in Geoinformatics /Geography/Remote Sensing | 3 years | Experience in map generation, geodatabase creation, image processing and change-detection analysis. |
| 7 | Field Monitoring Expert (K3) | Bachelor's degree in forestry / agriculture / environmental sciences | 5 years | Experience in biomass field inventory, plot-level carbon estimation, and community coordination |

8. SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION OF TASKS

- Inception Report:** The Consultant will provide inception report clearly indicating the methodology, benchmarks/milestones and schedule of activities at the start of assignment. This will be submitted to Client within 15 days of signing of the contract.
- Draft Feasibility Report:** A draft report should be submitted within 60 days of signing of contract. The entire schedule is given below:

9. OUTPUTS / DELIVERABLES REQUIRED FROM THE CONSULTANT-

The agency will submit the following deliverables: -

| Task | To be completed by |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Inception Report | Within 15 days of contract signing |
| Draft Feasibility Report | Within 60 days of contract signing |

10. COMPOSITION OF REVIEW COMMITTEE TO MONITOR CONSULTANT WORK

A committee consisting of following members shall monitor the consultant work and will be responsible for making available the data and information, conveying approvals and also deal with the problems if any faced by the consultant in executing the contractual obligations.

The review committee will comprise of following five officers:

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|--|---|--------------|
| 1. Additional Chief Executive Office SARRA | - | Chair person |
| 2. Joint Director / Deputy Director, SARRA | - | Member |
| 3. One Member Secretary from Field | - | Member |
| 4. Knowledge Management Expert, SARRA | - | Member |

The committee shall co-opt any additional member/s, if needed, with the approval of the **Additional Chief Executive Officer, SARRA**.

The consultant will interact with the committee:

- (i) At the time of Inception of study.
- (ii) Before finalization of Feasibility Report.
- (iii) As and when required.

11. REVIEW PROCEDURE TO MONITOR REPORTS -

The procedure of review will be as follows -

- 1- The consultant will submit the printed Final Feasibility Reports (24 Copies) in English and will also provide an electronic copy of the same.
- 2- The consultant will submit the draft of report on the stipulated dates and the Review Committee will give its comments in period not exceeding 45 days from the date of receipt of the draft report. The consultant will incorporate comments and suggestions of the Review Committee and submit the Final version of the Report in period not exceeding 30 days from the date of receiving the comments of the Review Committee.
- 3- The Review Committee will accept the report or provide further comments with its justification for rejection.

12. PERIOD OF ASSIGNMENT- The estimated duration of the consultancy would be for
Four Months

13. SUPPORT TO THE FIRM BY CLIENT

The project will provide key back-ground documentation to the team

The team leader of the Consulting Agency will be reporting to the SARRA headed by Additional Chief Executive Officer and comprising of a team of technical experts at WMD.
