

Project on: "Capacity Building and Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management"

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Training in Environmental Economics: Implications for land degradation and sustainable land management

1. BACKGROUND

The Government of Grenada through its Ministry of Agriculture is presently implementing the *Capacity Building and Mainstreaming of Sustainable Land Management (SLM)* project. Funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Government of Grenada, the long term goal of the project is to ensure that the agricultural, forest and other terrestrial land uses of Grenada promote sustainable systems that maintain ecosystem productivity and ecological functions while contributing to the environmental, economic and social well-being of the country. Specifically, the intervention's objective is to strengthen capacities for SLM within appropriate government, private sector and civil society institutions/user groups, and mainstream SLM principles and practices into long term development planning.

As part of the capacity building component, the project plans to train senior public sector officials and select Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in various technical areas relevant to SLM. In fulfillment of this mandate, the project plans to host a four day training workshop during the 2nd quarter of 2010 on Environmental Economics and its relevance to land degradation and sustainable land management. The Ministry of Agriculture is therefore seeking to recruit a specialist to deliver the training programme.

2. OBJECTIVE

The above training aims to:

- a) Introduce participants to the field of Environmental Economics, and its importance to land degradation and SLM.
- b) Discuss and demonstrate the approaches, tools and methodologies for analyzing and valuing the costs of land degradation and the benefits of sustainable land management. Mechanisms for assessing the costs and benefits of land use change should also be included.
- c) Increase participants' knowledge of best practices for integrating the results of economic valuation and cost benefit analysis into development planning at the national level.

At the end of the training, participants should be knowledgeable about the importance of NRE to SLM, mechanisms for integrating the concept into national policy and the cutting edge tools and methodologies for applying NRE to combating land degradation and SLM planning.

Target Participants

Training would be directed to 25 – 30 senior officers from the following institutions or stakeholder groups:

- a) Land management agencies within the public sector;
- b) Physical Development Authority (legislative board responsible for reviewing Environmental Impact Assessments and overseeing development control at the national level);
- c) Select NGOs involved directly or indirectly in natural resource use or management.
- d) Senior economic planners attached to the Ministry of Finance.

Training Methodology

A dynamic approach that utilizes a variety of teaching strategies including lecture, group work, case studies, field visits etc.

3. THE ASSIGNMENT – SCOPE OF WORK

The consultant will be required to:

- a) Prepare a training plan to achieve the objectives in 2.0 above.
- b) Finalize the training plan in consultation with the Project Management Unit (PMU), Sustainable Land Management Project (based in the Ministry of Agriculture).
- c) Prepare resource materials to achieve the objectives of the training, which will constitute the training manual. The Consultant will submit to the Project Management Unit, SLM Project for review and comment, an initial draft of the training material at least **21 days** prior to the workshop.
- d) Administer the training as prepared above to the target participants as selected by the PMU. All resource materials to be used for the training should be provided to the PMU within 1 week prior to implementation of training.
- e) Prepare a workshop report that assesses the implementation of the activity. The report should highlight the Contractor's and participants' overall perspective of the activity, limitations of the training, strengths and weaknesses, and recommendations for improving similar training sessions in the future.

4. OUTPUTS

The Contractor is expected to deliver the following outputs:

- a. A training plan including timeline within two weeks after signing the contract.
- b. Training resource materials on or before 21 days prior to commencement of workshop.

c. A training report which summarizes the training administered within 2 weeks subsequent to completion of the activity.

5. PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

The PMU based in the Ministry of Agriculture will administer this contract in collaboration with the Project Steering Committee. All communications regarding this assignment will be referred to the Project Manager of the PMU.

The PMU will facilitate the work of the Contractor by planning all the logistics regarding the training at the national level. This includes inviting participants, organizing venue etc. The Contractor would be required to submit all resources to support the training in a timely manner as agreed with the PMU. The Contractor should indicate to the PMU any specific needs (technological or otherwise) required to ensure effective implementation of the training.

The Contractor will manage his/her time and responsibilities to ensure timely delivery of the outputs required under this Terms of Reference.

6. QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE OF CONTRACTOR

The successful Contractor or Contracting team is expected to possess at least a Masters degree in Natural Resource Economics, Environmental Economics or related fields with over 5 years experience in the field. Experience in training stakeholders is required.

7. TIMING

It is anticipated that the contract will commence in the 2nd Quarter of 2010.

8. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated based on price/cost effectiveness, suggested approach, technical competence and experience.

9. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Proposal submissions are to include:

1. A technical proposal
2. A schedule for delivery of outputs
3. A cost proposal (budget)
4. Consultant's CV

Proposals must be submitted via e-mail to the SLM Project Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture – Grenada at slm_gda@yahoo.com by **8 March 2010**. Proposals could also be hand delivered to:

SLM Project Management Unit
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Ministerial Complex, St. George's
Grenada

SLM Project Coordinator
Ministry of Agriculture
Ministerial Complex, St. George's
Grenada.

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