



**Govt of Jammu & Kashmir
Economic Reconstruction Agency**

1st Floor Cottage Arts Emporium, Boulevard Road Srinagar



Expression of Interest for engaging NGOs /Independent agencies for Implementation of Social and Resettlement aspects of the Project

1. Jammu & Kashmir Economic Reconstruction Agency (ERA) is executing a Multi-sector Project for Infrastructure Rehabilitation in J&K (ADB funded). It is an Infrastructure Rehabilitation project being implemented in entire Jammu and Kashmir state. Most of the work contracts are awarded to the contractors and civil works are in progress.
2. As per ADB Guidelines Social and resettlement aspects of the project including Resettlement Plans (RPs) and Indigenous People Development Plans (IPDP) (wherever needed) will be implemented through Non Government Organizations (NGOs) or Independent Agencies (IAs).
3. Now ERA intends to engage two experienced NGOs /Independent agencies one each for Jammu Division and Kashmir Division to assist ERA in the implementation of the social and resettlement aspects of the project.
4. The NGO/agency will be responsible for providing effective, timely and efficient assistance in implementation of the social and resettlement aspects of the project. The key tasks of the selected organization will include (i) Identification of Affected Persons (APs) and verification of database from RP (ii) Educating the Affected Persons (APs) about Project Benefits and on their right to entitlements and co-ordination with the local authorities (iii) To provide support and information to APs for income restoration where ever they lose source of income (iv) Assist the Affected Persons in Redressal of their grievances (v) Ensuring social responsibilities of the Project and (vi) To collect data and submit progress reports on a monthly basis as well as quarterly basis to ERA for monitoring the progress of the RP implementation. Services will be required for a tentative period of Eighteen months. The contract will be output based.
5. Only those agencies will be eligible who (i) have prior experience in direct implementation (ii) have available required trained staff (iii) have competence, transparency and accountability based on neutral evaluations, internal reports, and audited accounts (iv) have integrity and experience to represent vulnerable groups against abuses and demonstrable mandate to represent local groups and (v) have experience in resettlement survey, planning, monitoring and evaluation.
6. The Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of J&K Economic Reconstruction Agency, invites to submit technical and financial proposal for the services described in terms of reference. Detailed terms of reference can be downloaded from ERA website www.jkera.org or obtained in person from ERA office (Contact: Suhail Mircha, Social and Resettlement Expert. Ph: +91-9419019964).
7. The Agency(s) must include in their proposal (i) summary details of the similar projects carried out by them; (ii) experience on working with World Bank, ADB and/ or other multi-lateral financed projects in India (iii) neutral evaluations, internal reports, and audited accounts (v) details of works in hand; (vi) experience in required area of expertise; (vii) one page summary of each project executed in the past five years showing nature of projects, extent of responsibility and name of employer, etc. The agency will submit technical and financial proposal (in duplicate) in separate envelopes.
8. Employer shall use Least Cost Selection (LCS) method for final selection of agency. Technical proposals will be opened first and evaluated. During technical evaluation of the proposals, agencies may be invited for presentation. Those securing less than 75%

mark will be rejected. The agency otherwise qualified on the basis of technical bid and with the lowest price shall then be selected and invited to finalize the contract.

9. The Employer reserves the right to select or reject any or all of the applicant(s) or to cancel the entire process without assigning any reason. No liability will be accepted for loss or late submission.
10. Interested and eligible agencies are invited to submit their proposal not later than August 20, 2008 to the address shown below:

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Sd/-
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