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BID NOTICE

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR RESTORATION PLANTING IN RWENSAMA, MUHANGI AND ITWARA CFRs IN MUZIZI AND BUDONGO SYSTEMS RANGE

Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and National Forestry Authority (NFA) are implementing a Carbon Feasibility project to promote forest protection and restoration in Albert Water Management Zone, Western, Uganda. The aim of the feasibility phase is to determine whether carbon credits can be generated in a cost-effective manner from a range of activities in the project landscape. If this proposed project is deemed applicable under the project development phase, a full project design document applicable to a global standard, such as the VCS, will be developed and prepared for validation.

In line with the above, NFA and WCS invite bids for activities under categories in the table below. Tenders shall need to specify which category they are applying for, with clear costed proposals. Proposals should clearly include;

- Technical approach
- Financial proposals
- Technical experience of the contractor and leading team members
- Company profile and government licenses/ tax certificates
- Other relevant professional certificates of operation

NOTE: Tenderers can only be eligible to apply for a minimum of 1 category and a maximum of 2 categories.

CATEGORY	ACTIVITY	SUB-ACTIVITY	AREA (Approx)	LOCATION
A	Restoration Planting	Restoration Planning, Mapping and Planting	60Ha	Muhangi CFR in Kyenjojo District
B	Restoration Planting	Restoration Planning, Mapping and Planting	11.42Ha	Budongo CFR in Masindi District
C	Restoration Planting	Restoration Planning, Mapping and Planting	Approx 50ha	Rwensama CFR in Budongo/NFC
D	Restoration Planting	Restoration Planning, Mapping and Planting	123.5Ha	Itwara CFR in Kabarole

1. Bidding will be conducted in accordance with WCS bidding policies.

2. Interested bidders may visit and inspect the site/s to be restored from 20/05/2021 to 25/05/2021. Communication for intent to visit the sites should be addressed to the contacts in the table below;

Category	Location/ Site	Contact
A	Muhangi CFR in Kyenjojo District	Forest Supervisor: 0774165944
B	Rwensama CFR & Budongo CFR in Budongo S/C, Masindi District	Forest Supervisor: 0705667550
C	Itwara CFR in Kabarole	Forest Supervisor: 0753802270

3. Detailed Terms of Reference for bidders can be accessed through the following ways;
- WCS website <https://uganda.wcs.org/Opportunities.aspx>
 - NFA Range Offices for Muzizi and Budongo System Range
 - NFA sector management offices of Budongo and Itwara
 - WCS Field Office: Hoima Field Office

4. Interested bidders should address Bids to;

The Chairperson Procurement Committee,
WCS, P.O Box 7487,
Kampala.

Tender documents, written in English, should be submitted by email ONLY to zkiwede@wcs.org with copies to phatanga@wcs.org & ikiirya@wcs.org not later than 5pm on 27th of May, 2021. The subject line should Specify the Tender Category/ies as shown in above table.

5. WCS in partnership with NFA reserves the right to accept or reject any bids.

The planned procurement schedule is below:

ACTIVITY	DATE
Publish Bid Invitation	20/05/2021
Closing Date	27/05/2021
Bid Evaluation	28/5/2021-01/06/2021
Best Bidders Notified	02/06/2021
Contract Award & Signing	04/06/2021

TERMS OF REFERENCE

(To be uploaded on the WCS Uganda Program website)

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The contractor will undertake activities under three (A-B) broad categories namely; Baseline Assessment, Management Plan for Area to be restored and Restoration Planting. WCS and NFA expect to award the contract to a professional forestry contractor/s. The selected company will be required to use majority of local labour from the adjacent community, including members of CFM groups, where applicable.

Roles and responsibilities of the contractor.

A. Management plan for area to be restored

1. In partnership with NFA and WCS, develop a costed restoration plan for the area to be restored.

B. Restoration planting

1. Slash a strip of one-meter-wide from the external boundary
2. In areas where the external boundary of the site is contiguous with the forest boundary, the contractor will plant boundary markers in a 5 metre strip using species that will be agreed with NFA.
3. Lining out and marking the spots where indigenous species will be planted, at 5mx5m intervals
4. Pitting: A pit of one foot deep and one foot wide while separating the top soil from sub-soil
5. Spot weeding around the pit to ensure that a radius of 1 (one) meter is established near the spot where the seedling is planted
6. Identifying seedlings sources in partnership with WCS and NFA, and transporting the seedlings to field sites
7. Based on preliminary assessment from baseline assessments, the contractor will procure appropriate seedlings from designated nurseries to be recommended by WCS and NFA. The WCS and NFA will inspect and approve the seedlings prior to loading to designated locations for quality control and assurance purposes
8. Moving seedlings from where the vehicle can reach to the planting sites
9. Planting the seedlings after removing the polythene bags by first replacing the top soil and subsoil last, and firming the soils appropriately
10. The seedling/s should be planted in the upright position
11. The collection of tree survival and growth data from project site/s for the first 3 months
12. The payment for services (local labour, etc.) and the management of planting operations.

Environmental protection measures:

1. Ensure all existing native trees on site are protected from harm during the operations
1. The polythene bags from seedlings and any non-biodegradable waste will be removed from site on completion of the work and should be collected and disposed of properly without compromising the environment cleanliness

Health and safety protection measures

2. The contractor will conduct a H&S risk assessment of the work prior to engaging activities
3. H&S risks will be documented with appropriate mitigation measures noted
4. Employees and workers will receive a safety briefing at the start of each work day to highlight risks and appropriate mitigation measures

Reporting

The contractor will be responsible for producing and submitting the following reports to WCS and NFA:

1. Standard operating procedures for restoring sites. These will be fundamental for scale up of the restoration programme in NFA sites.
2. Management plan for the area to be restored with clear management objectives, targets, costed activities and monitoring indicators.
3. Progress report on restoration planting
4. Final report on restoration planting and handover sheet with a description of immediate operational requirements

Modus operandi

The contractor/s will be issued a fixed service contract by WCS. A work plan will be agreed covering the period of the contract, and payments will be made on completion of specific deliverables and submission of reports in the work plan.