

PUBLIC CALL FOR IMPLEMENTING PARTNER ENGAGEMENT IN THE OSCE PROJECT “ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE AND OPTIONS FOR REMEDIATION”

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Ref#: IP-SEC/04/2023 – OSCE extra-budgetary project entitled *Assessment of environmental impacts of the war against Ukraine and options for remediation*

Multiple project activities: 1) Desktop research on environmental degradation in UA; 2) Fact-finding Missions; 3) Development and drafting of sub-thematic environmental assessments; 4) Stakeholder consultations on environmental impacts of the war

1. SUMMARY

For the implementation of the OSCE Extra-Budgetary Project “Assessment of environmental impacts of the war against Ukraine and options for remediation,” OSCE seeks to hire an implementing partner, a non-profit organization or educational institution, with extensive experience and demonstrated expertise in analysis of environmental issues, and particularly in conflict/post-conflict settings, and with particular experience in Ukraine.

The OSCE reserves the right to reject any or all applications received in response to this Public Call and to negotiate with any of the applicants in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the OSCE.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The war against Ukraine has led to the degradation of the environment in many parts of the country, exacerbating existing natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and further exacerbating those associated with climate change in the country (e.g. floods, epidemics, droughts, and earthquakes, and increased vulnerability to high temperatures, heat waves, heavy precipitation, mudflows, and floods). The direct and indirect impacts of this war pose risks to the environment, human health, and security, not just in Ukraine but also in the neighbouring areas.

The objective of this project is to contribute to the remediation of the damages to and the degradation of the environment of Ukraine following the war and reduce future safety and security risks. It has three (3) main results:

- (1) Environmental impacts of the war against Ukraine is assessed and reviewed in coordination with national and local/municipal governments
- (2) Government’s planning tools for emergency action on environmental issues are enhanced
- (3) Capacity of professionals / front-line workers on the emergency actions plans increased

The project has specific sub-thematic focus areas that will also form part of the assessment, which includes, but is not limited to: transboundary movement of hazardous waste, damage to nuclear

sites, water-related impacts, chemical contamination, disaster risk reduction (particularly on wildfires), among others. The project also looks at the environmental impacts of the war from a city-level perspective.

In this regard, the OSCE is looking for an implementing partner that would support the Project Team in the finalization of the one-year initial assessment report, co-ordinate the development of the full assessment of the environmental impacts of the war (together with the project team, including stakeholder meetings), and contribute to the preparation and development of field missions.

3. Tasks and deliverables of the IP

The selected Implementing Partner will be contributing to the development of the assessment of environmental impacts of the war against Ukraine and options for remediation, in particular by:

1. Finalization of the one-year initial assessment
2. Co-ordination of the development of the full assessment report and for possible options for remediation
3. Co-ordination of substantive input for the various stakeholder meetings to develop full assessment report
4. Contribution to the preparations and the development of field missions for fact-finding / consultation

Specific tasks for the selected Implementing Partner

Under the direct supervision and in close co-ordination with the the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA) Project Staff, the Implementing Partner will be responsible for the following:

1. Finalization of the one-year initial assessment
 - a. The IP will be responsible for the finalization of the analytical text and content of the one-year initial assessment report.
 - b. The IP will be responsible for co-ordinating with the project team the revision of the document, and with the responsible parties of the layout development.
 - c. The final version will be subject to final approval by the OSCE.
2. Co-ordination of substantive input for the various stakeholder meetings to develop full assessment report
 - a. The IP will also co-ordinate inputs in preparation for and during the stakeholder meetings (to be organized by the OSCE, as needed)
3. Development of the full assessment report and for possible options for remediation
 - a. Building on the one-year initial assessment report and stakeholder meetings, the IP will develop full analysis of the environmental impacts of the war against Ukraine:
 - i. Co-ordinate quantitative and qualitative data collection
 - ii. Co-ordinate the development of the analysis of the information gathered (in co-ordination with the project team)
 - b. The IP will co-ordinate input from the various external international and national subject-matter experts
4. Contribution to preparation and development of field missions for fact-finding / consultation by examining the context for the field assessments, including a gap analysis for assessment needs, and through the ongoing collection and analysis of remote environmental data.

- a. The aim of these field missions is to provide a more complete picture of the environmental impacts of the war taken from the research and the other parts of the assessment (e.g. remote sensing, GIS/ArcView mapping and analysis), and identify additional impacts that have yet to be determined.
- b. The IP will contribute the preparation of the field missions, together with the project team, and under the overall co-ordination of the OSCE.
- c. The IP will be also contributing to the conduct of the field missions (together with the project team, and the external international and national experts, in co-ordination with national authorities), and provide substantive inputs.

4. Qualifications of the IP (mandatory requirements):

1. Must have at least five years of experience in environmental analysis, monitoring, particularly in conflict / post-conflict settings;
2. Must have a proven experience in working with governmental/intergovernmental entities and institutions in the OSCE area, especially on environment-related projects
3. Strong communication skills in English.
4. Shall provide preferably a multicultural ecosystem where diversity, mutual respect, peer support, gender-sensitivity are appreciated and encouraged
5. Shall ensure the use of the English language of the project manager involved
6. Shall ensure professionalism, transparency and accountability in managing funds provided by external entities

5. Evaluation of Applicants

Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Experience and qualifications of the selected organization: demonstrated expertise in environmental analysis, monitoring, number and relevance of publications, expertise in conflict / post-conflict settings;
- 60 out of 100 points
2. Experience and qualifications of staff assigned to the project: number of reports, publications, analyses developed on environmental issues, and particularly expertise on the environmental impacts of war.
- 40 out to 100 points

6. Proposal

The application should provide:

Technical Proposal (no prices should be included to the Technical Proposal):

- a) Modalities of implementation of the activities foreseen for the implementing partnership agreement;
- b) Timeline of activities – to be initiated in 1 May 2023 and concluded by end of 2023;
- c) Background information about the applicant organization with justification of its eligibility to participate in the public call based on the qualifications:
 - a. Information on background (CVs), qualifications and experience of the staff who would be assigned to the project;
 - b. List of potential subcontractors;

- c. List of similar activities conducted so far;
- d. Supporting documentation, as requested under paragraph (9) below.

Financial Proposal:

a) The Financial Proposal shall cover all expenses to be incurred for performing the services as specified including, but not be limited to the cost of the remuneration of the IP's personnel and all other compensations as well as other direct costs such as travel costs – if any – incurred by the IP for the purpose of performing the services; and shall show a detailed cost breakdown per price categories; up to a maximum amount of EUR 200,000.

b) Progress payment(s) based on the specific tasks shown under the Section 3 above and suggested to be: 40% upon signature of the Implementing Partner Agreement; 40% upon approval of the mid-term narrative and financial report; 20% upon approval of the final narrative and financial report.

As the OSCE is always interested in delivering products of the highest quality, the applicants are welcomed to present any suggestions or comments on how to improve the delivering the programme.

7. Entities eligible to apply:

- Non-governmental (not for profit) organizations or educational institution in the OSCE area.

8. Supporting documentation:

Applicants shall provide information on their operational capacities as follows:

- Registration certificate (accreditation);
- Statute (in English) demonstrating the non-profit nature of the entity;
- Documentation proving experience in organizing and delivering environmental analyses;
- A proof of experience in working with governmental/intergovernmental entities and institutions in the OSCE area, especially on environment-related projects;
- A list of key management personnel and proposed project staff with their CVs;
- Legally registered bank account details;
- Short description of similar projects/activities implemented in the last 5 years.

9. How to apply and the procedures to follow:

The Public Call documents are available on request by e-mail to: ipcalls-at@osce.org.

The Public Call documents include this document (ToR).

Applicants must apply in English. Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

Applications (Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal) must be delivered ***in separate, password protected PDF files*** to ipcalls-at@osce.org on or before **6 April 2023 – (17:00 CET)**.

Any application submitted after the deadline at 17:00 CET on 6 April 2023 will be automatically rejected.

Please address all your queries or questions in writing to ipcalls-at@osce.org up to 5 days before the submission deadline and kindly refrain from any telephone calls or personal visits.