Regional Program “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia”

TERMS OF REFERENCE
for the Services of
FOREST EDUCATION CONSULTANT

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BACKGROUND

The regional program “Improving Forest Law Enforcement and Governance in the European Neighbourhood Policy East Countries and Russia” (the “Program”) is aimed at putting in place improved forest governance arrangements through the effective implementation of the main priorities set out in the St. Petersburg Ministerial Declaration and Indicative Plan of Actions for the Europe and North Asia Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (ENA-FLEG) process.

The Program will be carried out over a four-year period, from July 2008 through June 2012. It will specifically cover seven countries of the ENA Region, including six members of the European Neighbourhood Policy Initiative (ENPI) – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine – and the Russian Federation.¹ The Program will support selected pilot activities to be implemented with the active involvement of governments, civil society and the private sector. Most activities will be at a country level, complemented by strategically targeted sub-regional and regional actions. It is also envisaged that the Program will facilitate preparation of the 2nd ENA-FLEG Ministerial Conference.

The Program is supported by the European Commission and other donors contributing to a special multi-donor trust fund administered by the World Bank (WB). Implementation of the Program is led by the World Bank, working in partnership with the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) (all three collectively referred to as the “Implementing Organizations” or “IO’s”) and in close coordination with governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders of the participating countries.

Implementation of the program will depend on synchronization of Program activities between the IO’s, and their ability to communicate the agreed Program objectives with stakeholders. To this end, the IO’s have agreed to establish a Program Management Team (PMT) consisting of three Program Managers (PMs), one from each IO.

¹ Representatives of the five Central Asian countries – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan – may also be invited to participate in the Program’s subregional and regional activities.
TASKS

The purpose of the assignment is to provide support to the ENPI FLEG Country Team in preparation and conduction of the specific activities in the area of the environmental education aiming at efficient and effective implementation of the Program goals. The Forest Education Consultant will work out respective documents and conduct trainings in the area of the environmental and forest education according to the needs of the ENPI FLEG Country Team. Specifically, the Consultant will be responsible for the fulfilment of the following tasks;

- Participation in preparation and implementation of training (educational) modules on the forest education for teachers of higher education institutions;
- Organization and conduction of trainings for the secondary schools’ teachers in the pilot regions to assist in development of the young foresters teams;
- Assisting of education specialists and teachers in set up the school-based young foresters teams in the forest regions;
- Organization and conduction of the national contest “Our forest is our wealth” and school conference “Protect the forests” to promote knowledge and skills in the area of forest education and forestry;
- In cooperation with the State Ganja Agrarian Academy to develop the educational standards in the area of forestry;
- In cooperation with the educational specialists to develop the forestry tutorial for the higher education students;
- Conduction of round tables, trainings and seminars with the participation of media representatives, students, NGOs, education specialists and teachers aimed to promote and develop forest education in the country;
- Together with the schoolchildren organization of field trips of educational and practical character and biodiversity monitoring in the forests;
- Publication and circulation of the leaflets, memos, handouts and other printed materials for the schoolchildren.

COORDINATION AND REPORTING

Under this activity, the work to complete the assignments will be supervised by Andrew Mitchell (Task Team Leader from the WB Group), Country Communication Coordinator and by the Program Coordinators: Ms. Gualan Hajieva and Azer Garayev.

In case of any comments by reviewers, those should be incorporated by the consultant within 5 days after receipt of the comments.

All deliverables should be provided in English and Azerbaijani, with the translation to be handled the consultant.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

The tasks are expected to take the consultant about 90 days in total.
The assignment schedule will be undertaken as a STC time-based contract over the period from December, 2011 – March 2012.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master Degree in environmental science, biology, geography or other comparative university degree;
- Fluency in both spoken and written Azerbaijani and Russian;
- At least 3 years of progressive experience in the area environmental education;
- Knowledge of environmental education tools, as well as structures and policies of national education authorities;
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills;
- Proven training and mentoring skills;
- Comprehension of information systems and software.