

**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**  
**ONE (1) ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARD OFFICER**

**1. Background**

The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has obtained a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development - World Bank (IBRD-WB), amounting to FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS\_\_ (US\$500,000,000) for the purpose of financing the ‘Philippine Rural Development Program (PRDP) ‘ to support the Government’s effort to reduce poverty among the rural communities in the country.

The PRDP is a six-year (2013-2018) initiative of the government envisioned to increase farm and fishery productivity and incomes in target areas in all 16 regions of the country. The program seeks to achieve this objective by improving access of farmers and other industry players to a strategic network of infrastructure, market information and support services. Specific investments and interventions are to be implemented under four central components of the program, namely: 1) Investments for AFMP Planning at the Local and National Levels (I-PLAN); 2) Intensified Building Up of Infrastructure and Logistics for Development (I-BUILD); 3) Investments for Rural Enterprises and Agricultural and Fisheries Productivity (I-REAP); and 4) Implementation Support to PRDP (I-SUPPORT).

**2. Scope of Works**

Under the general supervision of the Social and Environmental Unit Head, the Social Safeguards Officer will be responsible in the provision of technical assistance to the RPCOs and partner LGUs in ensuring the compliance and implementation of safeguards policy program and adhering to the general procedures and guidelines of the World Bank (WB) in order to ensure quality output of program interventions. He/She will also ensure the timely delivery of units expected outcome in the whole project operations. He/She will work closely with consultants and other members of the PRDP PSO and RPCO team members. Specifically, the Environmental Safeguards Officer will be tasked to undertake the following:

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Ensure effective installation and implementation of environmental safeguards framework and processes at municipal, provincial and regional levels.
  - i. Ensure effective application of Environmental Management Framework in all project components and processes
    - a. Ensure proper and effective application of the RA 1586 or the Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System.
    - b. Ensure proper application of other existing national environmental laws and local environmental policies where the subprojects are located.
  - ii. Ensure effective application of World Bank’s Operational and Safeguards Policies
2. Serve as safeguards advisor to other regional Environmental Safeguards Specialists/Focal Persons to ensure alignment among all project components on safeguard related issues.
3. Conduct appraisal and Review of Feasibility Study, Detailed Engineering Design and Business Plan to check compliance to Environmental Safeguards Framework
4. Recommend and guide in the formulation of appropriate measures in the Environmental and Social Management Plan.
5. Review and monitor the implementation of Abbreviated Resettlement Plan

6. Coordinate with the concerned M&E specialists on the status of I-BUILD, I-REAP subprojects to ensure integration of safeguards policy of the program in the whole project cycle.
7. Lead the conduct of spot monitoring of subprojects and evaluation of safeguards compliance.
8. Conduct of post review of subprojects issued with NOL by the Regional Program Coordinating Office.
9. Prepare and submit timely and regular progress reports indicating status of full compliance with social safeguards framework/policy.
10. Perform other tasks as Unit Head, Program Director/Deputy Program Director may assign

### 3. Qualifications

Education: Graduate of four (4) year course related to environmental studies.

Experience: Minimum of 2 years of professional experience on Environmental Safeguards Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledgeable on Philippine Environmental Laws, Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System and any related local laws and policies, Indigenous Peoples Right Act (IPRA Law), Land Acquisition Processes.
- Prior familiarity with World Bank safeguards policies
- Possess a strong academic background, preferably a Master's Degree holder in Environmental Science Courses, Ecology, Resource Management and related fields of study.
- Knowledge on environmental impact assessment and able to formulate environmental and social management plan.
- Strong written and oral communication skills

#### Requirements:

Qualified applicants are required to submit the following:

- Certified True Copy of Transcript of Records
- Comprehensive Resume

Only applications received on or before February 6, 2015 at 05:00PM will be considered. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for the schedule of written examination and interview.

Please submit Application letter with 2x2 picture, Comprehensive CV, and Certificate of Previous Employment, Certified True Copy of School Transcript of Records and other credentials to the address below or email to [prdp.proc13@gmail.com](mailto:prdp.proc13@gmail.com). Kindly indicate the position that the applicants are applying for as the subject.

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