

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Component : I-BUILD Component
Job Title : Rural Infrastructure Engineer
Status : Consultant

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).

OVERALL SCOPE OF WORK:

Ascertain the market, technical, environmental/social, organizational and economic viability of rural infrastructure through appropriate design, quality and timely implementation of subprojects.

SPECIFIC TASKS:

1. Provides guidance to LGU engineers in the identification, FS and design preparation of rural infrastructure subprojects (eg. engineering plans, detailed cost estimates, programs of work, and other documents relativeto subproject approval);
2. Conducts site validation and review of sub-project plans, detailed estimates and program of works prepared by LGU engineers or contracted service providers to ensure that the proposals follow the Program's policies and the costs are within the established cost parameters.
3. Provides guidance to LGU Engineers in the conduct of pre-procurement conference, pre-bidding conference and pre-construction conference and site validation activities;
4. Closely coordinate with other Units for the organizational development of Operation and Maintenance groups to guarantee the success on the sustainability of the investment.
5. Inspects all on-going sub-projects to identify problem areas and provide advice/guidance to the LGU Engineers and acts as witness to the quality control program instituted for the subproject.
6. Reviews and endorses all technical/bidding requirements for the requests of OL or NOL;
7. Reviews the sub-project environmental and social clearances and ascertain compliance to the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and spearhead in the conduct of safeguard audits, prepare analysis and recommendations based from the results.
8. Participates in the conduct of inspection of on-going sub-projects with end users, COA engineers, LGU engineers and other sub-project co-implementers especially during progress billing and final inspection. Ensure that project completion documents are complying with the project requirements especially on the quality control and the timely completion.
9. Keep track of any approved variation orders, prepare analysis and coaching sessions to minimize occurrence of variation orders.
10. Spearhead in the conducts of ex-post fiduciary reviews and monitors the operation and maintenance of completed sub-projects

11. Participate in regional meetings, planning workshops to provide feedbacks and conduct timely, appropriate technical sessions along implementation of rural infrastructures.
12. Prepares monthly accomplishment reports, consolidates SPs within a Province and submits regularly provincial assessment of implementation of all infrastructure subprojects.
13. Do other functions as the RPCO I-BUILD Chief may assign.

DESCRIPTION OF RELATIONSHIP AND REPORTING OBLIGATIONS:

The consultant shall report directly to the RPCO I-BUILD Chief and shall provide on a semi monthly basis (15th and 30th day of the month), a written accomplishment report.

QUALIFICATION STANDARDS:

Education:

- Licensed civil engineer or agricultural engineer.

Experience:

- Minimum of two (2) years working experience as Infrastructure Engineer for Agricultural Development.

Knowledge/Skills/Abilities:

- Minimum of 48 hours relevant trainings.
- Proficient in written and oral communications.
- Computer literate with high proficiency in MS word, excel, and power.
- Knowledgeable of the harmonized procurement guidelines of the WB and RA 9184.
- Ability to work with stakeholders on multiple levels including non-government organizations, people's organization, donors, media groups, religious groups and local government units.
- Proven organizational skills and ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Can work independently and result oriented.
- Willing to travel extensively on the Provincial assignment most of the time or even on a short notice

JOB LOCATION:

- Regional Project Coordination Office (RPCO), DA, Region XIII.

Only applications received on or before October 13, 2015 at 04:00PM 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. Kindly indicate the position that the applicants are applying for as the subject.

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