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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT** Regional Project
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**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
ONE (1) ECONOMIST**

The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development - World Bank (IBRD-WB), amounting to FIVE HUNDRED ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (US\$501,250,000) for the purpose of financing the 'Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP)' and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments for the hiring of interested applicants to fill up the vacant position of **ONE (1) ECONOMIST**.

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 (ISUPPORT).

Job Title : ECONOMIST

Official Station : Regional Field Coordination Office (R13)

Reporting Responsibilities : He/She shall report directly to the Deputy Project Director

Job Type : CONTRACTUAL

Job Description : The Economist will be engaged to provide necessary technical assistance and services for the conduct of appraisal and evaluation of subprojects under the Philippine Rural Development Project.

- Review of Financial and Economic Analysis of the various feasibility studies/business proposals submitted under PRDP;
- Develop economic models and analytical methods and tools, including spreadsheet analysis;
- Conduct primary research, data collection and analysis and literature reviews;
- Prepare databases and data sets and carry out analysis of the same;
- Provide technical assistance to Regional Project Coordination Offices during the conduct of technical validation in the field and other related activities if necessary;
- Deliver results within tight deadlines and in response to specific client requests; and
- Perform other duties and responsibilities that may be assigned by the Deputy Project Director.

Expected Outputs:

- Monthly summary of conducted review of Economic and Financial Analysis of the various feasibility study/business proposals under PRDP;
- Updated database of developed economic models and analytical methods and tools, including spreadsheet analysis;
- Provided technical support as Resource Person during the conduct of Financial and Economic Analysis training; and
- Monthly report on the conduct of technical validation in the field and other related activities if necessary.

Qualifications:

- At least a Bachelor's Degree in Economics, social sciences or a closely related field;
- Preferably Master's Degree in Economics, Econometrics or a closely related; and
- At least one (1) year of experience in program/project evaluation.

In addition, the applicant should have:

- Knowledge in developing economic models and analytical methods and tools;
- Knowledge and experience in data collection, data analysis and research;
- Strong analytical skills, ability to conceptualize, plan and execute innovative ideas, as well as transfer of knowledge and skills;
- Excellent computer skills and proficient in Microsoft applications especially in Microsoft Excel;
- Experience in administrative and technical works will be an added advantage;
- Work well both independently with minimal management direction and with a team;
- Good network of academic and professional contacts;
- Able and willing to travel as deemed necessary; and
- Familiarity with the PRDP system will be an asset.

Reporting Responsibilities:

The Economist shall report directly to the Deputy Project Director, the Economist will work closely with the Infrastructure Development & Enterprise Support Development component to ensure the efficient appraisal and evaluation of sub projects under such component.

Only applications received on or before February 19, 2016 at 05:00PM will be considered. Short-listed applicants will be contacted for the schedule of written examination and interview.

Please submit application letter with 2x2 picture and comprehensive CV (which include complete details of specific previous job description and task) to the address below or email to prdp.proc13@gmail.com.

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