



Department of Agriculture

PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Regional Project Coordination Office-10

TERMS OF REFERENCE

JOB TITLE : One (1) ECONOMIST

OFFICIAL STATION : RPCO 10, Cagayan de Oro City

Reporting Responsibility : Shall report directly to the PRDP RPCO 10 Coordinator

JOB TYPE : Consultancy

NATURE OF JOB : Office and Fieldwork

MONTHLY SALARY : Php 50,000.00

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).

Job Description

Reporting directly to the RPCO Head, 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.

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Duties and Responsibilities:

- 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 PPMIUs/MPMIUs 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 RPCO Head.

Expected Output

1. Proposals reviewed (Economic and Financial Analysis of the submitted feasibility study/business proposals) for PRDP funding;
2. Economic models/tools developed and implemented;
3. Database updated;
4. Research reports submitted;
5. Technical support as Resource Person during the conduct of Financial and Economic Analysis training;
6. Stakeholders assisted (LGUs, DA staff, etc.);
7. Reports on the conduct of technical validation in the field and other related activities.

Qualification

a) Education: (50%)

1. Degree in Economics or Agricultural Economics, Accountancy, Agribusiness & Management, Business Management/Administration major in Finance and Accounting or a closely related field with training in program/project evaluation.

b) Experience Required: (30%)

1. Minimum of two (2) years relevant professional work experience in performing cost-benefit analysis, financial analysis and impact evaluation preferably in a development project.

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c) Others (20%)

1. At least 40 hours relevant trainings in economic and financial analysis;
2. Excellent computer skills and proficient in Microsoft applications, especially in Microsoft Excel;
3. Knowledgeable and has experience in data collection, data analysis and research;
4. Familiarity with foreign-assisted projects like PRDP and/or rural development projects;

Recommending Approval:

CARLOTA S. MADRIAGA
Deputy Project Director

Approved by:

CARLENE C. COLLADO, CPA
Project Director

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