



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SEEKING THE SERVICES OF TWO MARINE BIOLOGISTS

Reference	Marine biologists
Procuring organisation	European Research Institute (ERI)
Project	FED/2018/397-602 Circular Economy in Sustainable Agricultural Development (CESAD)

Introduction

The European Research Institute (ERI) is seeking the services of two marine biologists within the framework of the CESAD Project - Circular Economy in Sustainable Agriculture Development.

The CESAD Project is co-funded by the European Union, started in August 2018 and lasts three years. The project is managed by the European Research Institute (ERI) in partnership with the Agency for the Development of Women and Children (ADWAC) and the Njawara Agricultural Training Center (NATC). The purpose of the CESAD Project is to enhance the small-holder farmers' competitiveness and support the local development of the North Bank Region through a series of activities aimed at improving the quality of farming practices, providing logistic solutions to the storage and distribution of goods, introducing diversity of supply, and strengthening local capacities for competitive market accessibility.

The project's main target group is the Solicita Marketing Federation, a federation of farmers recently established in the North Bank Region. The members of the cooperative come from 8 villages in the North Bank region and in each village there is a communal garden devoted to the activities of the cooperative. The CESAD project is providing Solicita executives and ordinary members with specific training in different subjects and key innovative infrastructures, such as an aquaculture facility, a food-processing centre and an office. In addition to this, the project is supporting the cooperative in enhancing its marketing and sales capacity.

Objective

The main objective of this tender is to select two marine biologists, namely a senior expert and a junior expert, to support the delivery of the proposed aquaculture facility to the project direct beneficiaries within the CESAD Project.

Duties of the contractor

The selected marine biologists shall perform the following tasks:



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- Support for definition of species to be used for aquaculture;
- Advice on future sustainability perspectives;
- Support for the delivery of the aquaculture facility;
- Ensure environmental sustainability of aquaculture facility;
- Ensure low environmental impact of aquaculture facility;
- Validation of the aquaculture site;
- The senior expert and the junior expert are expected to work in coordination with each other..

Qualifications and experience required

The selected marine biologists shall have:

- A degree in Biology, Marine biology, Environmental Studies or related subject;
- Senior expert: at least six years work experience;
- Junior expert: at least three years work experience;
- Senior expert: at least 10 publications;
- Junior expert: at least 5 publications;
- Previous experience in working within EU-funded projects;
- A good command of English.

Time frame

The deadline for submission of bids is 12th February, 2021. The successful bidders will be contacted within five days of the deadline and receive a contract for this service. The assignment is expected to start within five days from the signing of the contract by both parties and is expected to last until the end of 2021.

Maximum budget

The maximum budget for this service is EUR 4.500,00.

- Senior Expert: maximum budget 1.500,00 EUR
- Junior Expert: maximum budget 3.000,00 EUR.

Quotations

Bidders shall submit a quotation to the European Research Institute (ERI) and a CV.

Selection of proposals

The proposal that will get the highest score will be selected. Selection of proposals will be based on the following criteria:



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Award Criteria	Maximum Points
Price	40
Qualification	20
Previous work experience	20
Completeness of proposal	20
Total	100

Threshold: 70/100.



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