



**Request for Expression of Interest
For Consultancy to Design a
Fire Incidence Rapid Response Team
Management and Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas in Belize
Grant No: P130474**



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The Government of Belize, with the assistance of the World Bank is implementing the project entitled “Management and Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas in Belize” with funding from the Global Environment Facility “GEF” and has appointed the Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development (MFFSD) for the overall implementation of the Project with the fiduciary assistance of Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT). The Government of Belize intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the contract for the Consultancy Services to Design a Fire Incidence Rapid Response Team.

The services include developing and designing the institutional structure, functions and operational procedures of a National Fire Incidence Rapid Response Team (FIRRT) which will coordinate the response to forest fires in Belize. The consultancy also entails the development of standard operational procedures of the team, identification of equipment and training requirements including sources and costs which will support the capacity building and long term sustainability of the FIRRT.

PACT now invites eligible Firms to indicate their interest in providing the services. In submitting their Statement of Capability, applicants should be aware that they will be assessed based on the following areas:

Technical Competence – number of similar projects previously completed and level of comparable responsibility / experience

Qualifications and Experience – professional qualifications of staff and experience on similar assignments with the following disciplines and skills:

- (1) *Lead Consultant with a Bachelor's Degree in a discipline related to the Consultancy with at least 10 years of experience*
- (2) *A key personnel with a Minimum BSc. Level in Forestry/Natural Resource Management with at least 10 years of experience in the development of forest management of protected areas management plans with specific experience in the design, development and implementation of forest fire management planning.*

Local Experience – knowledge of local conditions in Protected Areas

Prior Commitments /Other Assignments

After evaluation of the statements of capability the most qualified firm with the highest rank will be provided with the terms of reference and requested to submit technical and financial proposal for undertaking the assignment. These proposal will form the basis for a contract to be negotiated between the proposer and PACT. In event a contract cannot be negotiated a similar process will be followed with the second highest ranked.

The attention of interested Firms is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers January 2011* (“Consultant Guidelines”), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The Firm will be selected in accordance with the Selection Based on Consultants' Qualification method set out in the Consultant Guidelines.

One original and two (2) hard copies of the Statement of Capability submission in the English language must be delivered by 4:00 pm on May 4, 2015 to

Procurement Officer
Protected Areas Conservation Trust
3 Mango Street, Belmopan
Tel: 822-3637
Email: andrea@pactbelize.org

The sealed envelope containing the Statement of Capability must include the name and address of the applicant and should be clearly marked “**Statement of Capability: Fire Rapid Response Team Consultancy**”.

PACT shall not be bound to defray any costs incurred by applicants in preparing and submitting statements of capability

