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## **Request for Proposal For Preparing Project Concept Notes and Detail Project Reports Addressing EPCO's Mandate**

Environmental Planning and Coordination Organization (EPCO) Invites Proposals from established Consulting Firms to Prepare Project Idea Notes and Detail Project Reports and Identify Funding Agencies for Various Projects Addressing EPCO's Mandate.

### **The Organization**

EPCO is registered society under Housing and Environment Department Government of Madhya Pradesh. H E the Governor of MP is the President of the organization where as Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Environment Department are the Vice Presidents. Director General is the Chairman of the Governing Council of EPCO and head of the organization where as Executive Director is the executive head of EPCO.

### **Background of EPCO**

Established in 1981, EPCO is completing 30 years of its existence on June 2011. In the last three decades EPCO has been in unique position to witness the environment related developments at the international, national and regional level since the time they began to unfold. EPCO has done some pioneering work in the field of environment management conservation and especially, in urban designs and urban aesthetics. EPCO commands respect in the government as well as civil society.

EPCO is a unique organization in terms of the foresight and the width of its mandate. Drafted in early eighties EPCO's mandate is all encompassing and still quite relevant to address the current environmental needs.

There are many ongoing and pipeline developmental projects which inherently demand that environmental sustainability aspect is duly addressed. In this context EPCO has a major role to play not only to coordinate with these, development related departments but also provide them environmental insights.

EPCO's comparative advantage or its USP is its ability as a "environment problem-solving intermediary" This has largely been helped by the multi-disciplinary composition of the EPCO professionals. In this unique position EPCO connects government as well as non-governmental agencies in solving the environmental problems. To avoid silo thinking in environment and development sector the organization is attempting to play a bridging role between bilateral or multilateral donors who wish to make better investments in people and communities so that the investments are green and also leads to better green governance.

One of the major roles that EPCO performs is to mainstream environmental concerns in various development initiatives of the state; especially poverty and livelihood related issues. EPCO has successfully focused attention on the environmental problem areas of the State through Environmental Status Reports.

In association with the Department of Bio-diversity and Biotechnology, Govt. of MP. EPCO formulated State Bio-diversity strategy and Action Plan. As nodal agency for Biosphere Reserve EPCO supports variety of small projects and conducts studies on environmental issues of Pachmarhi and Amamrkantak Biosphere Reserve. It has also been a pioneering organization that integrated urban aesthetic and environmental concerns with architecture. Under National Lake and River Conservation Program EPCO is coordinating the projects in Madhya Pradesh.

EPCO implemented a major project with the support of DFID-India on integration of environmental concerns to address the emerging developmental and environmental needs of the State.

Realizing the fact that climate change is a major global environmental problem and also an issue of great concern for the state the Government of MP has assigned high priority to the issues of Climate Change and has constituted a high level interdepartmental committee with a view to ensure inter-sectoral coordination and integration of climate Change concerns in the policy and programs of line departments. State Government has entrusted EPCO to act as the facilitator in MP by designating it as the State Nodal Agency for all the issues pertaining to Climate Change.

As an autonomous organization of the State government EPCO enjoys easy access to all government stakeholders in the State to facilitate and co-ordinate environment and climate change related works in the State.

### **EPCO's Mandate**

EPCO was set up on the 5th of June 1981 as a society under the Madhya Pradesh Registration of Societies Act, 1973. EPCO's main aims and objectives are:

- To create public awareness with regard to the environment generally and in relation to Madhya Pradesh in particular and to keep the public informed in this field.
- To assist and advise the GoMP in the formulation and implementation of an environmental policy for the state and in the determination of priorities for environmental action.
- To assist and advise the GoMP and other agencies in the management of the human environment including, inter-alia, the periodic review of the environmental legislation (to make it an effective instrument of environmental action), improving human living conditions through better regional, urban and architectural planning, protecting and conserving ancient monuments and other places of social, cultural, religious and aesthetic significance and improving their environment, monitoring the prevention and control of pollution control and other environmental hazards, formulation, monitoring and enforcement of environmental standards and environmental safeguards, the inculcation of environmentally appropriate forestry, wild-life agriculture and animal husbandry practices, the conservation of energy and development of alternate energy sources, the recycling of resources and utilization of wastes, the inculcation of proper standards for environmental health and hygiene, sound management of natural resources, the conservation of biotic communities, eco-systems and watersheds and inculcation of appropriate land-use practices.

The Memorandum of Association also suggested various methodologies that could be used to attain its stated aims. These methodologies include.

- Carrying out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) studies
- Collecting, collating, monitoring and assessing data on important environmental issues particularly of Madhya Pradesh
- Organizing conferences, lectures, seminars and public debates in matters relating to the environment
- Organizing education and training programmes for man power development in the field of environmental sciences, technology and management
- Establishing libraries and information collection, documentation and retrieval services
- Bringing out and assisting in the publication of journals, research papers and books relating to the environment
- Providing consultancy services in regard to all matters pertaining to the environment
- Liasing with other national and international agencies working in the field of environment
- Developing a cadre of professionals and experts in the field of environment and maintain information on the availability of diverse expertise in this field

- Assisting in the constitution of regional centers at convenient places to promote the objectives of society
- Conducting research on environmental issues in collaboration with other scientific and technical institutions and universities
- Instituting academic positions, fellowships, scholarships, awards, etc for furtherance of the objects of society
- Encouraging education on environmental matters in schools, collages and other academic institutions by initiating various participative activities

#### **Task details**

There are many ongoing and pipeline developmental projects which inherently demand that environmental sustainability aspect is addressed. In this context EPCO has a major role to play not only to coordinate with these, development related departments but also provide them environmental insights.

EPCO seeks the services professional agencies/ consulting firms who can formulate project proposals as per the stated mandate of EPCO as well as address the objective of funding agencies. This RFP is floated to invite applications from reputed consulting firms to prepare Project Idea Notes (**PINs**) and based on the **environmental, economic and institutional feasibility prepare bankable Detailed Project Reports (DPRs)**.

#### **Deliverables:**

1. Project Idea Notes
2. The Detailed Project Reports
3. Identify Prospective Funding Agencies

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#### **Last Date:**

Please send in your proposal at the above mentioned address latest by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2011**.