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Reference: RFP 2022/001

Request for Proposals (RFP 2022/001)
Provision of Consultancy Services for a Fact-Finding Exercise on the use of the GCF Applications Portal (GCF Apps Portal)

1. Background

- 1.1 The Green Climate Fund (the “GCF”, or the “Fund”) was established to make a significant and ambitious contribution to the global efforts towards attaining the goals set by the international community to combat climate change. In the context of sustainable development, the Fund will promote a paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways by providing support to developing countries to limit or reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change. The Fund’s headquarters are located in Songdo, Incheon City, Republic of Korea.
- 1.2 The GCF was designated as an operating entity of the financial mechanism of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (“UNFCCC”). It is governed and supervised by a Board that has responsibility for funding decisions pursuant to the Governing Instrument for the Green Climate Fund (the “Governing Instrument”). It is supported by an independent Secretariat, accountable to the Board, having management capabilities to execute day-to-day operations of the GCF, providing administrative, legal, and financial expertise.

2. Invitation

- 2.1 Through this request for proposals (“RFP”), the GCF is seeking to contract a qualified, reputable, and experienced Firm to provide **Provision of Consultancy Services for Fact-Finding Exercise on the use of the GCF Applications Portal (GCF Apps Portal)**. The terms of reference included in Annex 1 provides the details of the assignment and expected deliverables.
- 2.2 Proposals must be submitted to the GCF at the earliest possible but no later than **Sunday 20 February 2022 at 17:00 hrs.** Korean time.
- 2.3 The RFP includes the following annexes:
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| Annex 1 | Terms of Reference |
| Annex 2 | Requirement for Firm’s Proposals |
| Annex 3 | Evaluation Criteria |
| Annex 4 | Company Profile Form |
| Annex 5 | Acknowledgement Letter |
| Annex 6 | Timeline |
| Annex 7 | Model Contract |
- 2.4 The terms set forth in this RFP, including all the annexes listed above, will form part of any contract, should the GCF accept your proposal. Any such contract will require compliance with all factual statements and representations made in the proposal, subject to any modifications agreed to by the GCF in the context of any negotiations entered into it.
- 2.5 The GCF may, at its discretion, cancel the requirement in part or in whole. It also reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal and to annul the selection process and reject all proposals at any time prior to selection, without thereby incurring any liability to proposers/firms.
- 2.6 Proposers may withdraw their proposal after submission provided that written notice of withdrawal is received by the GCF prior to the deadline prescribed for submission of proposals. No proposal may be modified subsequent to the deadline for submission of proposals. No proposal may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of proposals and the expiration of the period of proposal validity.

- 2.7 All proposals shall remain valid and open for acceptance for 90 calendar days after the deadline for submission of proposals. A proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected. In exceptional circumstances, the GCF may solicit the proposer's consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses thereto shall be made in writing.
- 2.8 Effective with the release of this solicitation, all communications relating to this RFP must be directed only to the Head of Procurement by email at procurement@gcfund.org copied to pkadonya@gcfund.org and sbae@gcfund.org. Proposers must not communicate with any other personnel of the GCF regarding this RFP.
- 2.9 This RFP is issued under the GCF Administrative Guidelines on Procurement¹. Information regarding the guidelines can be found at http://www.greenclimate.fund/documents/20182/574763/GCF_policy_-_Administrative_Guidelines_on_Procurement.pdf/b767d68e-f8b7-46d1-a18c-b6541f3dc010

3. Joint Venture, Consortium, or Association

- 3.1 Proposers may form a joint venture, consortium, or association to enhance their chances of qualification. If the Proposer is a group of legal entities that will form or have formed a joint venture, consortium or association at the time of the submission of the Proposal, they shall confirm in their Proposal that:
- (i) they have designated one party to act as a lead entity, duly vested with the authority to legally bind the members of the joint venture jointly and severally,
 - (ii) if they are awarded the contract, the contract shall be entered into, by and between GCF and the designated lead entity, who shall be acting for and on behalf of all the member entities comprising the joint venture.
- 3.2 After the Proposal has been submitted to GCF, the lead entity identified to represent the joint venture shall not be altered without the prior written consent of the GCF. Furthermore, neither the lead entity nor the member entities of the joint venture can submit another proposal:
- a) either in its own capacity; nor
 - b) as a lead entity or a member entity for another joint venture submitting another Proposal.
- 3.3 The description of the organization of the joint venture/consortium/association must clearly define the expected role of each of the entity in the joint venture in delivering the requirements of the RFP, both in the Proposal and the Joint Venture Agreement. All entities that comprise the joint venture shall be subject to the eligibility and qualification assessment by GCF.
- 3.4 Where a joint venture is presenting its track record and experience in a similar undertaking as those required in the RFP, it should present such information in the following manner:
- a) Those that were undertaken together by the joint venture; and
 - b) Those that were undertaken by the individual entities of the joint venture expected to be involved in the performance of the services defined in the RFP.
- 3.5 Previous contracts completed by individual experts working privately but who are permanently or were temporarily associated with any of the member firms cannot be claimed as the experience of the joint venture or those of its members but should only be claimed by the individual experts themselves in their presentation of their individual credentials.

¹ Annex II "Corporate Procurement Guidelines on the Use of Consultants"

- 3.6 If a joint venture's Proposal is determined by the GCF as the most responsive Proposal that offers the best value for money, the GCF shall award the contract to the joint venture, in the name of its designated lead entity. The lead entity shall sign the contract for and on behalf of all other member entities.

4. Request for Clarification of RFP Documents

- 4.1 A prospective proposer requiring any clarification of the solicitation documents may notify the GCF in writing to procurement@gcfund.org copied to pkadonya@gcfund.org and sbae@gcfund.org by the specified date and time mentioned in Annex 6. The subject line of the email must have the reference number and title of the RFP i.e., **RFP 2022/001 – Provision of Consultancy Services for Fact-Finding Exercise on the use of the GCF Applications Portal (GCF Apps Portal)**. The GCF will respond in writing to any request for clarification of the solicitation documents that it receives by the due date published in Annex 6. Written copies of the GCF response (including an explanation of the query but without identifying the source of inquiry) will be posted on the GCF website and/or communicated via email.

5. Amendments to RFP Documents

- 5.1 At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposals, the GCF may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a prospective proposer, modify the RFP documents by amendment. The amendments will also be posted on the GCF website and/or communicated via email.
- 5.2 To allow prospective proposers reasonable time in which to take the amendment into account in preparing their proposals, the GCF may, at its sole discretion, extend the deadline for the submission of proposal.

6. Language of Proposals

- 6.1 The proposals prepared by the proposer and all correspondence and documents relating to the proposal exchanged by the proposer and the GCF, shall be written in English. Supporting documents and printed literature furnished by the proposer may be in another language provided they are accompanied by an appropriate translation of all relevant passages in English. In any such case, for interpretation of the proposal, the translation shall prevail. The sole responsibility for translation and the accuracy thereof shall be the responsibility of the proposer.

7. Submission of Proposals

- 7.1 **Format and form of submission of proposals:** Bidders are requested to send a Bid preferably² through the GCF Supplier portal at <https://gcf.supplier.ariba.com> (a supplier manual can be found on the GCF website <https://www.greenclimate.fund/who-we-are/procurement> as an attachment under this RFP).

i) Submission through the Supplier Portal (SAP Ariba)

1. Open <https://gcf.supplier.ariba.com/>
2. Click Register Now
3. Fill in Company Information, Fill in User account information and details under 'Tell us more about your business'
4. Check 'I have read and agree to the Terms of Use and 'I have read and agree to the SAP Ariba Privacy Statement' then click 'Register'
5. Check your email and click the activation link.
6. Fill in additional information required, click Save and Close.
7. Your company information will be submitted to GCF and will be reviewed and approved. Once you register, please send an email to procurement@gcfund.org copied to pkadonya@gcfund.org and sbae@gcfund.org with the RFP number and title as the email reference and confirm that you are interested in submitting a bid. You will then be invited to participate in the RFP. You will receive

² Suppliers shall note that GCF will be phasing out e-mail submission in the near future, therefore suppliers are encouraged to register and submit their Bid/Proposal through the GCF Supplier portal (SAP Ariba)

the RFP event notification email from the Green Climate Fund with a link to access the RFP. This link can be used only once. If you require to access the portal after you have activated the link, you can log in on <https://gcf.supplier.ariba.com> with your username and password.

8. Review Prerequisites and Click ‘I accept the terms of this agreement’
9. Open the Technical Section of the RFP section and download the RFP document and technical proposal submission forms
10. Open the Financial Section of the RFP and download the financial bid submission forms
11. When ready to submit your bid, upload the technical bid under the TECHNICAL section and the financial bid under the FINANCIAL section. Please do not enter or upload any financial information under the TECHNICAL section.
12. Click ‘Submit Entire Response’ to submit bid.

(For detailed instructions on how to access and submit a bid, see the supplier manual)

- 7.2 The Financial Proposal MUST be password protected. The authorized procurement officer will contact the bidders that pass the qualifying technical score for the password to open the Financial Proposal. Bidders should **NOT** send the password to the financial proposal until they are requested to do so by the procurement officer. Financial Proposals that are submitted without password protection may be rejected for non-compliance. Financial Proposals that are submitted without password protection may be rejected for non-compliance.
 - 7.3 All prospective proposers are kindly requested to return the completed Acknowledgement Letter of RFP receipt (Appendix 5) by the date indicated in Appendix 6, duly signed by an authorized representative, via email, advising whether it intends to submit a proposal by the designated closing date/time. Please also notify the Procurement Specialist immediately if any part of this RFP is missing and/or illegible.
- 8. Late proposals**
- 8.1 Any proposals received by the GCF after the deadline for submission of proposals prescribed in Annex 6 of this document may be rejected.
- 9. Opening of Technical Proposals**
- 9.1 Technical Proposals will be opened on the date indicated in Annex 6. The purpose of this public opening is to record the names of proposers having submitted proposals by the due date and time. Only technical proposals will be opened at the public opening. The financial proposals will not be opened. Proposers submitting proposals are welcome to send one (1) representative, with proper authorization from their company, to observe the opening and recording of proposals received.
- 10. Opening of Financial Proposals**
- 10.1 GCF shall notify in writing those Proposers that have achieved the minimum qualifying technical score and request for passwords of the Financial Proposals.
- 11. Corrupt, Fraudulent, Coercive, Collusive and other Prohibited Practices.**
- 11.1 The GCF requires that all GCF staff, proposers/bidders, suppliers, service providers and any other person or entity involved in GCF-related activities observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of all contracts. The GCF may reject any proposal put forward by proposers, or where

applicable, terminate their contract, if it is determined that they have engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive, collusive or other prohibited practices.

12. Conflict of Interest

- 12.1 In their proposal, proposers must (i) confirm that, based on their current best knowledge, there are no real or potential conflicts of interest involved in rendering Services for the GCF, and (ii) set out their policy on dealing with conflicts of interest should these arise.

13. Confidentiality

- 13.1 13.1 Information relating to the evaluation of proposals and recommendations concerning selection of Firms will not be disclosed to Firms that submitted proposals.



Annex 1

Terms of Reference

I. Background

The Green Climate Fund (Fund or GCF) has been established by 196 Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Fund was established by a decision of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC. Its headquarters are based in Songdo, the Republic of Korea and the principal place of business is G-Tower 175, Art Center-daero, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon 22004. The Fund seeks to contribute to the achievement of the ultimate objective of the Convention. In the context of sustainable development, the Fund promotes the paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways by providing support to developing countries to limit or reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change, taking into account the needs of those developing countries particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. The Fund is guided by the principles and provisions of the Convention.

The Fund plays a key role in channeling new and predictable financial resources to developing countries. GCF seeks to catalyze climate finance – both public and private, and at the national, regional and international levels. The Fund is intended to operate at a larger scale than other comparable funds to promote the paradigm shift towards low-emission and climate-resilient development pathways. The Fund makes an ambitious contribution to global climate action and channels significant financial resources into developing countries to help build low-emission and climate-resilient societies. It is country-driven and undertakes actions that reflect the circumstances of each country concerned and its national aspirations. The GCF is a key enabler of the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

GCF was designated as an operating entity of the UNFCCC's financial mechanism, which it is ultimately accountable to. The COP provides guidance to the Board, including on matters related to policies, programme priorities and eligibility criteria. The Board takes appropriate actions in response to this guidance and reports to the COP annually.

Since its establishment, the GCF has approved 190 projects in 199 countries and has committed USD 10 billion in climate finance. In addition, it has built up an extensive program to support developing countries to identify the needs of the most vulnerable to climate change impacts.

GCF operates through a network of over 200 Accredited Entities (AEs) and delivery partners (DPs) who work directly with developing countries for project design and implementation. AEs are institutions or organizations that are accredited by GCF through the accreditation process. Accredited Entities partner with GCF to implement projects. Guided by GCF's investment framework and the priorities of developing country governments, Accredited Entities convert concepts into action. They work alongside countries to come up with project ideas and submit funding proposals for the GCF Board to approve.

National Designated Authorities (NDAs) are government institutions that serve as the interface between each country and the Fund. They provide broad strategic oversight of the GCF's activities in the country and communicate the country's priorities for financing low-emission and climate-resilient development. The NDA/focal point plays a key role throughout the project cycle in ensuring country ownership and a country-driven approach, which are core principles of the GCF business model.

GCF's has developed an online platform, consisting of the GCF Applications Portal (GCF Apps Portal), which is available for GCF Board members, NDAs / Focal Points, and AEs. The objectives of the applications in the

portal are to enable NDAs and AEs to engage efficiently with GCF and to serve as a platform for creating awareness of the Fund’s activities, policies, and guidelines. Furthermore, the GCF Apps Portal acts as a centralized source of information for efficient communications and project implementation.

Currently, the following Apps are used by NDA and AEs:

Country (NDAs)	Country Portal
	Fluxx (Readiness)
	SAP Online Submission System
Entities (AEs)	Entity Portal
	Document Review
	Document Review (User Guide)
	PPMS
	Digital Accreditation Platform
	SAP Online Submission System
	Tracking Platform for Entities

The Fund’s Office of the Internal Auditor (OIA) is auditing whether AEs and NDAs are fully benefiting from the GCF Apps Portal. The OIA will perform the audit in two phases.

- 1st Phase: Audit at GCF Secretariat
- 2nd Phase: Fact-finding at AEs and NDAs

OIA will recruit an external consulting firm to perform the fact-finding exercise under the supervision of the OIA, as described in Section III below.

II. Objective of the service

The objective of this engagement is to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence from the AEs and NDAs to support OIA in assessing whether the use made of the GCF Apps Portal is supporting GCF’s overall objectives.

III. Scope of the service

The engagement will be a fact-finding exercise, consisting of

- Interviewing senior representatives of the AEs and NDAs;
- Asking questions developed by OIA;
- Identifying and asking any necessary follow-up questions; and
- Obtaining corroborative evidence as appropriate.

The engagement will cover the period from 1 January to 31 October 2021.

The exact scope of the engagement (the AEs and NDAs to be interviewed (roughly 11 AEs and 14 NDAs, including representatives from all the regions in which GCF operates), the questions to be asked, etc.) will be determined on the basis of the results of the 1st phase of the audit.

The consulting firm will work directly with the Head of Internal Audit and OIA in performing the engagement. OIA will review the reports of the consulting firm and incorporate them into its audit report as appropriate.

OIA will retain responsibility for the audit and for any reports issued as a result.

IV. Duration of the engagement

The consulting firm will perform the engagement and report to the Head of Internal Audit within five weeks of signing the engagement contract, and no later than 10 June 2022.

V. Methodology

The Fund will identify the AEs and NDAs to be interviewed, including the Fund's main contacts at those organizations.

The consulting firm will arrange and conduct interviews with AEs and NDAs, as follows:

- OIA will develop an interview questionnaire during the inception phase. The Consulting firm will be expected to review the questionnaire and work with the OIA to finalize the questions and any accompanying tools.
- The Consulting firm will arrange and conduct interviews with AEs and NDAs; these interviews may be face-to-face or online but should be conducted in the interviewee's mother tongue or working language.
- During the interviews, the Consulting firm will identify and ask any follow-up questions that appear necessary, based on the interviewee's responses; and
- The Consulting firm will also consider whether additional corroborative evidence is needed to support the interviewee's responses. Where appropriate the Consulting firm will obtain appropriate additional evidence.

VI. Deliverables

The consulting firm is expected to:

- Prepare and submit a work plan to perform the engagement, including the proposed timeline;
- Communicate any significant issues and challenges to OIA as they arise;
- Submit weekly update reports to OIA regarding the progress of the work;
- Prepare a draft report after the completion of the interviews for discussion with the Head of Internal Audit; and
- Prepare a final report and submit it to the OIA.

VII. External Consulting Firm Independence, Reporting Lines, Qualification and Experience

a) Independence and Objectivity

- The external consulting firm and the members of the team should be free from actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest that could impair (or be perceived to impair) its objectivity.

b) Reporting Lines

- The consulting firm will work directly with the Head of Internal Audit and the Office of the Internal Auditor in performing the assessment.
- The consulting firm will report directly to the Head of Internal Audit.



Annex 2

Requirements for Firms' Proposals

Technical Proposal

The technical proposal will be submitted in a separate file and will address all aspects of the Terms of Reference. **NO details of a financial nature whatsoever should be included in this Technical Proposal. Failure to comply with this requirement shall result in disqualification.**

The Technical Proposal shall have all the necessary details in response to the Terms of Reference and the proposer shall fill in the Technical Forms (Form TECH) which follow in this annex and which must be filled in accordingly.



TECH Forms

Form TECH-1: Technical Proposal Submission Form

[Location, Date]

To: [Name and address of Client]

To whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the consulting services for [Insert title of assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our Proposal. We are hereby submitting our Proposal, which includes this Technical Proposal, and a Financial.

We are submitting our Proposal in association with: [Insert a list with full name and address of each associated Consultant if submitting as an association]

We hereby declare that all the information and statements made in this Proposal are true and accept that any misinterpretation contained in it may lead to our disqualification.

If negotiations are held during the period of validity of the Proposal, i.e., before the date indicated in Paragraph Reference 2.6 of the RFP, we undertake to negotiate on the basis of the proposed staff, methodology and approach. Our Proposal is binding upon us and subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations.

We undertake, if our Proposal is accepted, to initiate the consulting services related to the assignment.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: ____

Name of Firm: .

Address: _____



Form TECH-2: Firm's Organization and Experience

A - Organization

[Provide here a brief (two pages) description of the background and organization of your firm/entity and each associate for this assignment, **including your commitment to embed sustainability into its own operations (defined by social, environmental, and economic considerations.)**]

B - Experience

[Using the format below, provide information on each assignment for which your firm, and each associate for this assignment, was legally contracted either individually as a corporate entity or as one of the major companies within an association, for carrying out consulting services similar to the ones requested under this assignment. Use not more than 20 pages.]

Assignment name:	Approx. value of the contract (in current US\$ or Euro):
Country: Location within country:	Duration of assignment (months):
Name of Client:	Total N° of staff-months of the assignment:
Address:	Approx. value of the services provided by your firm under the contract (in current US\$ or Euro):
Start date (month/year): Completion date (month/year):	N° of professional staff-months provided by associated Consultants:
Name of associated Consultants, if any:	Name of senior professional staff of your firm involved and functions performed (indicate most significant profiles such as Project Director/ Coordinator, Team Leader):
Narrative description of Project:	
Description of actual services provided by your staff within the assignment:	

Firm's Name: _____



Form TECH-3: Comments and Suggestions on the Terms of Reference and on Counterpart Staff and Facilities to be Provided by the Client

On the Terms of Reference

[Present and justify here any modifications or improvement to the Terms of Reference you are proposing to improve performance in carrying out the assignment (such as deleting some activity you consider unnecessary, or adding another, or proposing a different phasing of the activities). Such suggestions should be concise and to the point, and incorporated in your Proposal.]

Form TECH-4: Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment

[Technical approach, methodology and work plan are key components of the Technical Proposal. You are requested to present your Technical Proposal (Not more than 40 pages, inclusive of charts and diagrams) divided into the following three chapters:

- a) Technical Approach and Methodology,
- b) Work Plan, and
- c) Organization and Staffing
- d) **Organization's commitment to sustainability**

a) Technical Approach and Methodology. In this chapter you should explain your understanding of the objectives of the assignment, approach to the services, methodology for carrying out the activities and obtaining the expected output, and the degree of detail of such output. You should highlight the problems being addressed and their importance, and explain the technical approach you would adopt to address them. You should also explain the methodologies you propose to adopt and highlight the compatibility of those methodologies with the proposed approach.

b) Work Plan. In this chapter you should propose the main activities of the assignment, their content and duration, phasing and interrelations, milestones (including interim approvals by the Client), and delivery dates of the reports. The proposed work plan should be consistent with the technical approach and methodology, showing understanding of the Terms of Reference and ability to translate them into a feasible working plan. A list of the final documents, including reports, drawings, and tables to be delivered as final output, should be included here. The work plan should be consistent with the Work Schedule of Form TECH-8.

c) Organization and Staffing. In this chapter you should propose the structure and composition of your team. You should list the main disciplines of the assignment, the key expert responsible, and proposed technical and support staff.]

d) Organization's commitment to sustainability. In this section you should demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract to provide goods or services.



Form TECH-5: Team Composition and Task Assignments

Professional Staff				
Name of Staff	Firm	Area of Expertise	Position Assigned	Task Assigned



Form TECH-6: Curriculum Vitae (CV) for Proposed Professional Staff

1. **Proposed Position** [only one candidate shall be nominated for each position]: _____

2. **Name of Firm** [Insert name of firm proposing the staff]: _____

3. **Name of Staff** [Insert full name]: _____

4. **Date of Birth:** _____ **Nationality:** _____

5. **Education** [Indicate college/university and other specialized education of staff member, giving names of institutions, degrees obtained, and dates of obtainment]: _____

6. **Membership of Professional Associations:** _____

7. **Other Training** [Indicate significant training since degrees under 5 - Education were obtained]: _

8. **Countries of Work Experience:** [List countries where staff has worked in the last ten years]:____

9. **Languages** [For each language indicate proficiency: good, fair, or poor in speaking, reading, and writing]:

10. **Employment Record** [Starting with present position, list in reverse order every employment held by staff member since graduation, giving for each employment (see format here below): dates of employment, name of employing organization, positions held.]:

From [Year]: _____ To [Year]: _____

Employer: _____

Positions held: _____



<p>11. Detailed Tasks Assigned</p> <p>[List all tasks to be performed under this assignment]</p>	<p>12. Work Undertaken that Best Illustrates Capability to Handle the Tasks Assigned</p> <p>[Among the assignments in which the staff has been involved, indicate the following information for those assignments that best illustrate staff capability to handle the tasks listed under point 11.]</p> <p>Name of assignment or project: _____</p> <p>Year: _____</p> <p>Location: _____</p> <p>Client: _____</p> <p>Main project features: _____</p> <p>Positions held: _____</p> <p>Activities performed: _____</p>
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13. Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.

[Signature of staff member or authorized representative of the staff] Date: _____
Day/Month/Year

Full name of authorized representative: _____



Form TECH-7: Staffing Schedule¹

	Name of Staff	Staff input (in the form of a bar chart) ²							Total staff-week input
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1									
2									
3									
n									
Grand Total									

1 For Professional Staff the input should be indicated individually; for Support Staff it should be indicated by category (e.g.: draftsmen, clerical staff, etc.).

2 Weeks are counted from the start of the assignment. For each staff indicate separately staff input.

Form TECH-8 Work Schedule

N°	Activity ¹	Weeks ²										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	n	Total	
1												
2												
3												
4												
n												

- 1 Indicate all main activities of the assignment, including delivery of reports (e.g.: inception, interim, and final reports), and other benchmarks such as Client approvals. For phased assignments indicate activities, delivery of reports, and benchmarks separately for each phase.
- 2 Duration of activities shall be indicated in the form of a bar chart.

Financial Proposal

The Proposer is required to prepare and submit the Financial Proposal in a separate file from the Technical Proposal.

The Financial Proposal must provide a detailed cost breakdown and a payment schedule preferably linked to the schedule of deliverables presented in Annex 1. Provide separate figures for each functional grouping or category including fees and cost-reimbursable expenses. The Financial Section shall provide details of unit /daily fee rate per proposed team member and total consultancy fees based on the time proposed for performance of the services. Any estimates for cost-reimbursable expenses, should be listed separately and capped. The Financial Proposal should be inclusive of the taxes where applicable³, and the applicable taxes should be clearly specified.

The Financial Proposal must also have the total consultancy fee summarized in addition to the break down covering the lump sum amount for purposes of determining the financial score and contract price. Financial Proposal Standard Forms (FIN Forms) shall be used for the presentation of the Financial Proposal.

³ (a) Under Article 10 of the Headquarters Agreement, the property of the Green Climate Fund (“Fund”), including the property of any offices, subsidiary bodies or facilities established by the Fund, the Fund’s operations and transactions, and any property of the Fund in transit to or from the Headquarters, are:

- (i) Exempt from all direct taxes, except those which are, in fact, no more than charges for public utility services;
- (ii) Exempt from all indirect taxes, including any value-added tax and/or other similar tax, and excise duties levied on important purchases of goods and services for official purposes; and
- (iii) Exempt from customs duties, prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles of any kind imported or exported by the Fund for its official use, except for prohibitions and restrictions on imports or exports relating to health and safety.

(b) under bilateral agreements concluded between the GCF and certain countries, the GCF may be exempt from all taxation and from all customs duties, and from any obligation for the payment, withholding or collection of any tax or duty.



FIN Forms
Form FIN-1: Financial Proposal Submission Form

[Location, Date]

To: [Name and address of Client]

To whom it may concern:

We, the undersigned, offer to provide the design and implementation for [Insert title of assignment] in accordance with your Request for Proposal dated [Insert Date] and our Technical Proposal. Our attached Financial Proposal is for the sum of [Insert amount(s) in words and figures¹]. This amount is inclusive of the taxes where applicable².

Our Financial Proposal shall be binding upon us subject to the modifications resulting from Contract negotiations, up to expiration of the validity period of the Proposal, i.e. before the date indicated in Paragraph 2.6 of this RFP.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Proposal you receive.

We remain,

Yours sincerely,

Authorized Signature [In full and initials]: _____

Name and Title of Signatory: _____

Name of Firm: _____

Address: _____

¹ Amounts must coincide with the ones indicated under Total Cost of Financial proposal in Form FIN-2.

² (a) Under Article 10 of the Headquarters Agreement, the property of the Green Climate Fund ("Fund"), including the property of any offices, subsidiary bodies or facilities established by the Fund, the Fund's operations and transactions, and any property of the Fund in transit to or from the Headquarters, are:

- (i) Exempt from all direct taxes, except those which are, in fact, no more than charges for public utility services;
 - (ii) Exempt from all indirect taxes, including any value-added tax and/or other similar tax, and excise duties levied on important purchases of goods and services for official purposes; and
 - (iii) Exempt from customs duties, prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles of any kind imported or exported by the Fund for its official use, except for prohibitions and restrictions on imports or exports relating to health and safety.
- (b) under bilateral agreements concluded between the GCF and certain countries, the GCF may be exempt from all taxation and from all customs duties, and from any obligation for the payment, withholding or collection of any tax or duty.

Form FIN-2: Financial Proposal Submission Template

A. Total Cost of Financial Proposal

<i>Item</i>	<i>Costs</i>
	<i>Indicate with Currency</i>
Total Costs of Financial Proposal	

B. Break down of Fees and expenses per Cost Component

Description	Unit of measure (e.g. days, month, etc)	Total Period of Engagement	Unit cost / rate	Total Cost for the Period
I. Remuneration Costs				
Staff 1				
Staff 2				
.....				
<i>Sub-total</i>				
II. Travel Costs				
<i>Sub-total</i>				
III. Other Related Costs (Please specify)				
<i>Sub-total</i>				
TOTAL				

C. Cost Breakdown

Deliverable	Quantity	Cost (in USD)	Cost Breakdown and Remarks (Please specify detailed breakdown of the cost for each deliverable, including any professional services costs)

Form FIN-3: Breakdown of Remuneration¹ (Lump-Sum)

(Information to be provided in this Form shall only be used to establish payments to the Consultant for possible additional services requested by the Client)

Name ²	Position ³	Staff-daily Rate

- 1 Form FIN-3 shall be filled in for the same Professional and Support Staff listed in Form TECH-7.
- 2 Professional Staff should be indicated individually; Support Staff should be indicated per category (e.g.: draftsmen, clerical staff).
- 3 Positions of the Professional Staff shall coincide with the ones indicated in Form TECH-5.

Annex 3

Evaluation Criteria

A. Evaluation and Comparison of Proposals

1. The proposals will be evaluated in a three-stage procedure, starting with administrative compliance to ensure the proposals includes all necessary required documents and is duly signed by the authorized representative. Evaluation of the technical proposal will follow and will be completed prior to any financial proposal being opened and evaluated. The financial proposal will be considered only if the submissions fulfil the minimum technical requirements.

B. Acceptance of Submissions

2. All proposers are expected to adhere to the requirements for submitting a proposal. Any proposals that fail to comply will be disqualified from further consideration as part of this evaluation. In particular:
 - Full compliance with the formal requirements for submitting a proposal
 - Submission of all requested documentation
 - **Acceptance of the GCF Model contract** – Where the proposer notes issues, these must be raised as part of the technical proposal for consideration during evaluation.
3. The Technical Proposal shall include:
 - A brief description, including ownership details, date and place of incorporation of the firm, objectives of the firm, partnerships, qualifications, certificates, etc.
 - Details to demonstrate vast experience in working with relevant multilateral development funds and familiarity with their operations.
 - Demonstration of the firm’s deep understanding of the GCF, mandate/business model and Investment Framework.
 - Comments on the Terms of Reference (if any).
 - Description of Approach, Methodology and Work Plan for Performing the Assignment; and
 - The staffing schedule and profiles of the proposed experts, etc.

C. Evaluation of Technical Proposal

4. A reviewing committee shall be established to evaluate each technical proposal. The technical proposal is evaluated individually on the basis of its responsiveness to the technical requirements and will be assessed and scored according to the evaluation criteria below and as per scores in the table.

Mandatory Criteria	
1.	<p>Organizational experience in the delivery of similar type of services</p> <p>The consulting firm must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be based or have working experience in all regions where GCF operates • Minimum 5 years of experience in fact-finding exercises along with demonstrated knowledge in Relationship Management and Communication. An experience in IT general and application controls may also be an advantage. • Working with relevant international development organizations (e.g., United Nations or Multilateral Development Banks). <p>Please provide at least one (1) completed provision of fact-finding services to relevant international development organizations during the last three (3) years.</p>



2.	<p>Personal experience in the delivery of similar type of services</p> <p>The team leader must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 years' experience in fact-finding exercises along with demonstrated knowledge in Relationship Management and Communication. An experience in IT general and application controls may also be an advantage.• Excellent written and oral communication skills in English are essential for this assignment.• Minimum 3 years' experience in working with the international organizations
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Summary of Technical Proposal Evaluation Forms		Score Weight	Points Obtainable
1	Expertise of the firm	30%	300
2	Proposed Methodology	20%	200
3	Team Leader	40%	400
4	Other Staff	10%	100
TOTAL		100%	1000

	The firm's expertise	Sub-score	Score
1	Expertise of Firm / Organization submitting Proposal		30
1.1	Reputation of Organization and Staff / Credibility / Reliability / Industry Standing * The "Consulting Firm" can provide relevant documents (certificates, reports etc.) as applicable	6	
1.2	General Organizational Capability which is likely to affect the implementation - Financial Stability - Organization Structure - Age/size of the "consulting firm" - Strength of the Project Management Support - Project Management Control * The "consulting firm" can provide relevant documents (certificate, report etc.) as applicable	6	
1.3	Internal quality assurance procedure in place.	4	
1.4	Relevant experience in fact-finding exercises involving similar organizations along with demonstrated knowledge in Relationship Management and Communication. An experience in IT general and application controls may also be an advantage.	6	
1.5	Relevant experience in fact-finding exercises in all regions where GCF operates.	6	
1.6	Organization's commitment to sustainability - demonstrates its commitment to embed sustainability into its own operations (defined by social, environmental, and economic considerations).	2	
2	Technical approach and methodology		20
2.1	To what degree does the proposer understand the task and the nature and context of the GCF?	5	
2.2	Have the important aspects of the task been addressed in sufficient detail?	2	
2.3	Are the different components of the consulting engagement adequately weighted relative to one another?	2	
2.4	Is the approach adopted appropriate for the task and for the nature and context of the GCF?	2	
2.5	Is the scope of the task well defined and does it correspond to the ToR?	2	
2.6	Is the presentation clear; are the sequence of activities and the planning logical and realistic, and do they promise efficient completion of the consulting engagement?	5	
2.7	Demonstrate how you plan to integrate sustainability measures in the execution of the contract to provide goods or services.	2	
3	Personnel		50
3.1	Key Personnel/Team Leader		40
3.1.1	Experience in fact-finding exercises (More than 3 years) along with demonstrated knowledge in Relationship Management and Communication. An experience in IT general and application controls may also be an advantage.	20	
3.1.2	Experience in leading team, ability to work in a multicultural environment with diverse stakeholders; and to communicate effectively with international, regional, and national entities.	10	

3.1.3	Written English	10	
3.2	Other Staff		10
3.2.1	Experience in fact-finding exercises (1-2 years)	2.5	
3.2.2	Written English	7.5	
	Total		100

Technical proposals that score at least 75 points out of 100 will be considered as qualified for the review of financial proposals. Any proposal less than that will be disqualified from proceeding to the next step and its financial proposal shall be returned unopened following the award of the contract.

D. Evaluation of Financial Proposal

The financial proposal of all proposers who have attained the minimum score in the technical evaluation will be evaluated subsequently. The lowest evaluated Financial Proposal (Fm) is given the maximum financial score (Sf) of 100. The formula for determining the financial scores (Sf) of all other Proposals is calculated as follows:

$Sf = 100 \times Fm / F$, in which “Sf” is the financial score, “Fm” is the lowest price, and “F” is the price of the proposal under consideration.

E. Consolidated evaluation

The weights given to the Technical (T) and Financial (P) Proposals are:

$T = 0.80$, and $P = 0.20$

Proposals will be ranked according to their combined technical (St) and financial (Sf) scores using the weights (T = the weight given to the Technical Proposal; P = the weight given to the Financial Proposal; $T + P = 1$) as following: $S = St \times T\% + Sf \times P\%$.

The firm achieving the highest combined technical and financial score will be invited for contract negotiations.

F. Award

The Award will be made to the responsive proposer who achieves the highest combined technical and financial score, following negotiation of an acceptable contract. GCF reserves the right to conduct negotiations with the Proposer regarding the contents of their offer. The award will be in effect only after acceptance by the selected proposer of the terms and conditions and the technical requirements.

**Annex 4
Company Profile Form**

Please respond to all questions.

Company details - vendor's name

Name:

General Information

Primary contact for sales/ client services	
Head office address	
	Postal Code: Country:
Telephone:	Fax (if applicable):
E-mail:	Web site:
Parent company, if any	
Subsidiaries, Associates, and/or Overseas Rep(s), if any	
Place of incorporation / registration:	
Year incorporation / registration:	
Registration Number (attach certificate of incorporation):	
Type of organization	Public enterprise () Private company () Organization sponsored (assisted by Government) () Other (please specify): ()
Type of Business	Manufacturer () Retailer () Authorized Agent () Consulting Company () Other (please specify): ()
Summary of main business activities:	
No. of employees (by location)	
Staff turnover rate	
In-house working language (s)	
Bank Name: Bank Address: Account Holder: Account Number: IBAN: SWIFT:	



Partners

If this bid is made as part of a joint venture / association, list relevant recent experience of working with partners. Are there already formal or informal preferred partnership agreements in place?
1
2
3

Conflict of interest

Are there any likely circumstances or contracts in place that may introduce a conflict of interest with the parties to this contract? If so, explain how this will be mitigated
1
2
3

Certification

I, the undersigned, confirm that the information provided in this annex is correct. In the event of changes, details will be provided.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



**Annex 5
Acknowledgment Letter**

To GCF Procurement Unit,

We, the undersigned, acknowledge receipt of your Request for Proposal (RFP) No. RFP 2022/001 – Provision of Consultancy Services for a Fact-Finding Exercise on the use of the GCF Applications Portal (GCF Apps Portal) – dated 20 February 2022, and hereby confirm that we:

INTEND DO NOT INTEND

to submit a proposal to the Secretariat of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) no later than Sunday 20 February 2022 at 17:00 hrs. Korean Standard Time (KST), and that we:

INTEND DO NOT INTEND

to send one (1) authorized representative to observe the public opening procedure on Monday 21 February 2022 at 10:00 hrs. Korean Time (Note: attendance to the public opening procedure is optional.)

We acknowledge that this RFP is confidential and proprietary to the GCF and contains privileged information.

Name of Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Name and Address of Vendor: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

If you do not intend to submit a proposal to the GCF, please indicate the reason:

We do not have the capacity to submit a proposal at this time.

We cannot meet the requirements for this RFP.

We do not think we can make a competitive offer at this time.

Other (please specify): _____

Kindly return this acknowledgment letter immediately via e-mail to procurement@gcfund.org copied to pkadonya@gcfund.org and sbae@gcfund.org.

NOTE: Due to current security arrangements, your authorized representative must present a completed copy of this letter in order to observe the public opening procedure.

**Annex 6
Timeline**

The Green Climate Fund will follow the timeline below for this RFP. Any changes to this timeline will be posted on the GCF website. Please note that the target dates and may be adjusted.

	Event	Responsible Party	Date (and time, KST*)
1	Issuance of RFP	GCF	26 January 2022
2	Last day to send completed Acknowledgement Letter of RFP receipt	Tenderer	08 February 2022
3	Last date for requests for clarification of the RFP	Tenderer	08 February 2022 17:00 hrs. KST
4	Last date to reply to questions received/ Last date for the amendment	GCF	11 February 2022
5	Date by which proposal must be received in Korea by GCF	Tenderer	20 February 2022, 17:00 Hrs Korean Time
6	Date of opening of Technical Proposals	GCF	21 February 2022, 10:00 Hrs
7	Notice of successful provider	GCF	21 March 2022
8	Contract signing	GCF/Tenderer	25 March 2022
9	Work starts	Tenderer	1 April 2022

* KST: Korean Standard Time (Seoul Time)



Annex 7

GCF Model Contract

By submitting a proposal to this RFP, Bidders are considered to have carefully reviewed the GCF Model Contract and be in agreement with all its terms and conditions. Where the bidder has specific issues of concern, those must be raised and indicated in the Technical proposal clearly for consideration during evaluation. Any request of amendments to GCF Model Contract and terms and conditions must be accompanied by detailed and compelling justification for review and consideration by GCF. It should be noted that request of amendments to GCF Model Contract and terms and conditions may negatively affect evaluation of the proposal and, in some cases, where such amendments are incompatible with GCF's binding policies and rules, may prejudice the final award.

*Note: The Board adopted at the recent meeting a new policy on SEAH (Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment) and therefore the GCF is required to include new provisions in the General Conditions of Contract. While the specific wording is yet to be formulated, the eventual contract will need to include such new provisions.