

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Preparation of Regional Pre-Investment Studies</b>
<b>Beneficiary Countries:</b>	the Russian Federation
<b>Indicative Budget:</b>	US\$ 330,000(per assignment) for each of three regions indicated below
<b>Duration:</b>	9 months

### Background

1. The Global Environmental Facility (GEF), through the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), is funding a project "Russian Federation – Support to the National Programme of Action for the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment". The project's overall global environment objective is to protect the global marine environment in which the Arctic plays a pivotal role. The more specific objective of the Project is to develop and establish a sustainable framework to reduce environmental degradation of the Russian Arctic from land-based activities on a system basis through the development and implementation of the Strategic Action Programme in favor of all Arctic States and global community complying with obligations of the Russian Federation under international conventions and agreements taking into account decisions and programmes of the Arctic Council. As such, the Project would create conditions, which will allow for capital investments to flow in the Russian Arctic in order to ensure long term protection of coastal and marine environment of the Arctic and to address main root causes of trans-boundary pollution in the Russian Arctic.

2. The project is implemented by UNEP and executed by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation (Mineconomrazvitiya of Russia). Project Office will undertake procurement and contracting on behalf of UNEP and Mineconomrazvitiya of Russia.

3. The Project comprises four principal components:

Component 1: Preparation and adoption of a Strategic Action Programme (SAP);

Component 2: Completion of a set of Pre-Investment Studies (PINS);

Component 3: Development and implementation of Environmental Protection System (EPS), embodying legislative, administrative, institutional and technical capacity improvements consistent with the SAP; and

Component 4: Three demonstrations projects on:

- (i) Environmental Co-management by Indigenous Peoples of the Russian North;
- (ii) Remediation of the Environment through the Use of Brown Algae; and

(iii) Environmental Remediation of Two Decommissioned Military Bases

4. This **call for expression of interests** (EOI) is related to Component 2 of the Project – **Preparation of Regional Pre-Investment Studies**. The outputs of this component of the Project will provide an optimal set of proposals for investment for Russian Arctic, where input of money for their implementation will be most effective in economic, ecological, social and political sense.

Overall Component 2 involves preparation of at least fifteen (15) PINS each corresponding to a specific investment opportunity. This will be undertaken in three separate assignment packages of at least five (5) PINS, each corresponding to the most priority hotspots in a Region of the Russian Arctic. These Regions are the Western Sector (Murmansk Region, Republic of Karelia, Archangelsk Oblast, Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Republic of Komi, White and Barents Seas and islands incl. Franz-Joseph Land), Central Sector (Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Okrug, Dolgan-Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Kara Sea and islands incl. Severnaya Zemlya Archipelago) and Eastern Sector (Republic of Sakha (Yakutiya), Chukchi Autonomous Okrug, Laptev, East Siberian and Chukchi Seas incl. their islands). The target investment opportunities will be drawn from pre-selected and characterized hot spots evaluated for formal preparation of the PINS, up to the point in some cases where the selected specific investment projects are identified. This EOI is directed to qualified International and/or Russian Consulting firms interested in **one or all** of these three assignments.

6. The purpose of each of these assignments is to prepare at least five (5) PINS with one of the three regions of the Russian Arctic. For purposes of this assignment, a PINS is defined as a consolidated document containing sufficient technical definition, environmental and social assessment, economic analysis and business planning information that would allow the proponent or sponsor of an investment project to make the necessary business decision to proceed with such an investment and to present it for financing to one or more possible sources of national and international financing. The investment project's considered for PINS preparation are characteristically capital investments that reduce or eliminate past and/or current oil, chemical, and radioactive pollution sources, principally from land based sources, and which have a defined proponent or project developer from the public or private sector. Such investments will primarily involve industrial pollution abatement investments, clean up of past environmental liabilities with actual or significant future major potential to add to the Arctic pollution, and new or upgraded environmental management infrastructure. Investments that contribute to biodiversity and the sustainability of habitat and traditional resource utilization by indigenous people may be included in exceptional cases provided they have a significant regional impact to the abatement of present and/or past pollution and reasonable commercial or public investment rationale.

**Specific Requirements of the Consulting Firm**

7. These assignments will be undertaken by one or more contracted Consultants. Such contracted Consultants will be reputable consulting firms or joint ventures of such firms and may include sub-contracted firms and individuals. Firms involved in joint ventures, and sub-contracted firms can only participate in a single proposal made for one or more of these assignments.

8. Additional background on the UNEP/GEF Project and initial work in identifying “hot spots” that form part of the input information for the identification of investment projects as well as the list of priority hot-spots for PINS in the three Russian Arctic sectors may be obtained at the NPA-Arctic Project web-site: <http://npa-arctic.ru/> or through a direct request to the Project Manager (Dr. Ivan N. Senchenya, E-mail: [senchenya@npa-arctic.ru](mailto:senchenya@npa-arctic.ru) or [senchenya@npaf.ru](mailto:senchenya@npaf.ru)).

9. The Consulting firm or joint venture undertaking these assignments should have demonstrated experience in, at a minimum, the following:

- The preparation of comprehensive environmental investment projects inclusive of technical definition, environmental and social assessment, economic analysis and business planning information, and through the complete cycle from project identification, assessment of feasibility, and presentation for investment decision making and financing;
- Familiarity with environmental issues and associated capital investment response in Arctic regions;
- Familiarity and experience with the presentation of investment projects under both the practices and procedures used in the Russian Federation and by International Financial Institutions and donors;
- Demonstrated capacity to operate in the Russian Federation inclusive of the necessary legal administrative, office, language and logistical support required to carry out study assignments of this type.

### **Submission Instructions**

10. There is no need to follow a specific format when preparing the Expression of Interest (EOI), and while information should be as complete as possible, we encourage conciseness (EOIs should be less than 10 pages). The EOI should contain a description of the company or joint venture, its size and general capacity both in Russia and internationally, relevant experience, recent financial information and details of similar work undertaken, including reference. Please do not include brochures or other reports, although reference to material available on Web sites is encouraged.

11. It should be noted that UNEP/GEF Project Office is not obliged to invite the participation in the subsequent bidding process of any Consultant who has expressed interest in this project. Telephone calls to the Project Office are not encouraged on this call for EOIs and e-mail communication is preferable.

12. Requests for proposals and any subsequent contract will be issued by the

Project Office who will act as the contracting party on behalf of the Executing and Implementing agencies. In due course the short-listed Consultants will be informed and invited to submit formal proposals. The successful Consultant or Consultants will be selected by formal Request for Proposal based on technical and commercial submissions evaluated in accordance with the UNEP/GEF Project Procurement Procedures, which are consistent with International practice used by United Nations Organizations. A winner will be selected by tender.

13. Expressions of Interest must be received by 17:00 of August 31, 2007. E-mail submissions to the following e-mail addresses: [senchenya@npa-arctic.ru](mailto:senchenya@npa-arctic.ru) or [senchenya@npaf.ru](mailto:senchenya@npaf.ru). are allowed and encouraged. If sent by mail, EOI should be addressed to the attention of Dr. Ivan Senchenya, Project Manager, at the address below and brief-marked no later than 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2007. Please make sure to indicate the following subject line on e-mail submissions and envelope labeling is used: Preparation of Regional Pre-Investment Studies.

14. Contact information:

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