

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT OFFICER**



Project Country: Belize

Financing Institution: International Fund for Agricultural Development

Project Name: Resilient Rural Belize Programme

Title: Specific Procurement Notice

Procurement Type: Consulting Services

Procurement Post: Water Resource Management Officer

Loan/Credit/Grant Financing No: 2000002301

Project Background: The Government of Belize (GOB), through a financing agreement with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has embarked on a six-year Programme, Resilient Rural Belize (RRB), which aims to minimize the impacts of climatic and economic events on smallholder farmers while supporting sustainable market access for their produce. The Programme will help farmers employ climate resilient agricultural practices and technologies; integrate profitable smallholder participation into the development of select vegetable, fruit, and honey value chains; and support smallholder production capacity through investments in public and private climate resilient infrastructure and in the strengthening of small holder farmer Producers Organizations and relevant GOB Departments.

Scope of Service: The Water Resource Management Officer will be responsible for overall guidance and management of the institutional development related activities under the Climate Resilient Rural Infrastructure (CRRIA) component of the Resilient Rural Belize Programme (B-Resilient) in accordance with the recommendations to be provided by an International Consultant to be procured by the Programme. The Water Resource Management Officer will be responsible for activities related to training, supporting, and guiding activities of the farmers' group in establishment of Water Users' Associations and in all the related aspects to ensure sustainable operation and maintenance of the irrigation and drainage assets constructed in the framework of the CRRIA component.

Duties and Responsibilities:

The following will be the specific responsibility of the Water Resource Management Officer.

- Lead the implementation of an Integrated Water Resource Management under the Climate Resilient Rural Infrastructure (CRRIA) component.
- Contribute substantial technical input into the development and administration of water management for agriculture (Rural Water) and sustainable development.
- Review and lead the development of agricultural water management policies, strategies and plans in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture.
- Liaise with the Ministry of Agriculture and all relevant bodies to create synergy for the development of the relevant statutes and a step-by-step guidance for establishment of

Water Users' Associations in Belize's rural areas. Assess irrigation efficiency of subprojects and incorporate measures to improve efficiency in design with consultants.

- Investigate existing irrigation systems and water management systems in the project area and develop irrigation maps describing locations or routes of irrigation facilities such as water resources, irrigated areas, canals, and pumping stations
- Develop relevant training manuals for all aspects of irrigation management including operations of Water Users' Associations, crop water requirement, irrigation scheduling, methods of irrigation, irrigation service fee determination and application, financial management of WUAs, decision making, conflict resolution etc.
- Provide relevant support and training to group of farmers for establishment of their WUAs and on operational aspects.
- Participate and contribute to discussions with applicant, design companies and other interested parties in decision making during the construction stage.
- As a member of the PMU, prepare annual work plans and budgets for institutional development related activities, provide reports and information on infrastructure investment operations as necessary to the Programme Manager and contribute to progress reports.

Qualifications: The Water Resource Management Officer must possess:

- Minimum of a BSc. Degree in Natural Resources, Water Resources, Irrigation, Hydraulics, Agriculture, or relevant field. A degree in Agriculture Water Management would be considered an asset.

Specific Experience: The Water Resource Management Officer must possess:

- Minimum of three (3) years' experience in water management.
- Minimum of two (2) years' experience working with community leaders and organizations with focus on rural development.
- Minimum of three (3) years' experience with the general principles and aspects of irrigation and drainage systems management.
- Minimum of three (3) years' experience in water sector design and administration.
- Any experience in development of policies will be considered an asset.

In addition, the Water Resource Management Officer must be computer literate and must possess excellent communication skills. Candidate must be pragmatic, creative, and energetic.

Application Submission:

Interested candidates are requested to submit a Letter of Interest, Curriculum Vitae, and two (2) References or Recommendation letters along with a copy of the highest degree as one PDF File. The submission deadline is Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 2:00pm using the following File Request Link: <https://bit.ly/3mhpZB9> .

Note that only Electronic Submissions will be accepted! Applications are to be addressed to the Procurement Officer as follows:

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