



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR SET UP A SHORT LIST OF AGRICULTURE EXPERTS AND LIVESTOCK

ARTICLE 1 – GENERAL DESCRIPTION

CIHEAM - Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (hereafter referred to as “CIHEAM Bari “or “Contracting Authority”), invites experts to apply for short-term positions and training activities as consultant. A consultant is a recognized authority or specialist in a specific field, temporary engaged by the Contracting Authority in an advisory or consultative activity. The functions of a consultant are results-oriented and normally involve analysing problems, preparing documents, writing reports on topics related to the area of expertise (as per CIHEAM Staff Regulation and Statute of Consultants, Experts and Auxiliary staff).

ARTICLE 2 – PURPOSES

CIHEAM Bari with the financial assistance of projects funding source, intends to select candidates and set up a list of experts as **AGRICULTURE EXPERTS AND LIVESTOCK** to provide technical assistance to the Contracting Authority in implementation of the assigned activities in the Upper Egypt.

Among the expected activities from the expert that could be requested: to prepare training materials and power point presentation, to provide training programmes to the extension providers for the Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs); to provide training programmes for veterinary services on rapid and early diagnosis of infectious, epidemiological, and transboundary disease; water-saving cultivation practices; veterinary services; support the Key experts during for the entire period of assigned activities to ensure timely and effective delivery of the expected outputs; establish field demonstration models including supply and installation of tools and materials of water pumping system powered by solar energy; to fulfil the CIHEAM Bari administrative rules as well as its ethical clauses; to provide overall technical support to the Project Management Unit team, including preparing documents and reports.

ARTICLE 3– LOGISTICS AND TIMING

3.1 Location

- Contracting authority premises: *Upper Egypt governorates*
- Field missions.

3.2 Period of application:

Opening date: 02/08/2024

Closing date: 30/08/2024

ARTICLE 4– ELIGIBILITY AND INTEGRITY REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Expert(s) engaged by this Call may be fluent in Arabic, proficient skills in English (level C1 according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

4.2 Applicants will be excluded from participation in this Call if:

- a) they are subject, to the best of their knowledge, to criminal proceedings or have been convicted of a grave professional misconduct, or offences of receiving stolen goods, money laundering, fraudulent insolvency, fraudulent bankruptcy, usury, robbery, crimes against the person committed with violence, extortion;
- b) they are subject to one of the prevention or security measures provided for in anti-mafia legislation.

In order to allow the verification of the possession of these requirements, the eligible applicant may be asked to sign a declaration in lieu of affidavit, in accordance with national legislation, certifying that he/she is not in one of the situations listed above.

ARTICLE 5 – EXPERTS:

A. Agricultural Economist

B. Agricultural Extension Experts

C. Agriculture Specialist on 3 target groups of crops:

- Field crops: Maize, Sorghum, Sugarcane, Sugar beets, Cotton, Soybean, Wheat, Sunflower, Sesame.
- Horticultural and fruit crops: Onion, Tomato, Green beans, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Eggplants, Potato, Local fava beans, Pomegranate, Citrus, Garlic, Peppers.
- Medicinal & Aromatic crops: Basil, Anise, caraway, Fennel, Nigella Sativa.

D. Environmental Engineer

E. Facilitators of Farmer Field School

F. Geneticist

G. Graphic designer

H. Livestock Expert

I. Veterinary Specialist

L. Water Management Experts

ARTICLE 6 - QUALIFICATION AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. University Master of Science degree or at least bachelor's degree in scientific matter, for example Agriculture or Integrated rural development, Economy, Management, Scientific field, Veterinary medicine, Agronomy Engineering.
2. At least 3 years of professional experience in field visits and in providing technical assistance in the specific area of competence.
3. At least 3 years of experience working on capacity development cooperation projects.
4. At least 3 years of experience working on field demonstration.
5. At least 3 years of experience working on reporting documents in Arabic language and English.
6. At least 2 years of experience working in providing training sessions for farmers.

ARTICLE 6.1 - SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

A. Agricultural Economist with at least 3 years of experience on:

- economic impact analysis of crops
- Supervising field demonstration / educational fields on economic aspects
- Providing technical and financial assistance for applying GAPs during training programs and field demonstration days

B. Agricultural Extension Experts with at least 3 years of experience on:

- Agricultural extension programs
- Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) and Climate Smart Agriculture Practises (CSPs)
- Providing extension services for specific target crops
- Working with smallholder farmers Use of digital platforms

C. Agriculture Specialist on 3 target groups of crops with at least 2 years of experience on:

- Implementation of extension plans

D. Environmental Engineer with at least 3 years of experience on:

- Investigate the strength of the local breeds of animals with changing environmental conditions
- Detect the diversity of the local strains and assess their tolerability to climate change conditions
- Management of natural resources and agri-food ecosystems

E. Facilitators of Farmer Field School with at least 3 years of experience on:

- Preparing training documentation
- Communicating and facilitating programs
- Management of administrative issues

F. Geneticist with at least 3 years of experience on:

- Collecting data and information on the situation of the animal husbandry
- Risk assessment of loss genetic diversity
- Mapping the associations specialized in animal production

G. Graphic designer with at least 3 years of experience on:

- Production of Audio / animated Gif and videos with subtitles
- Implementation of a digital platform with the use of new mobile application for the dissemination of extension plans
- Production of digital material based on the extension message (social media)

H. Livestock expert with at least 3 years of experience on:

- Collecting data and information about the animal husbandry
- Buffalo feed
- Plans for improving nutritional status and raising of buffalo
- Hygiene procedures on milk handling Investigating the strength of the local breeds of animals in accordance with changing environmental conditions

I. Veterinary specialist with at least 3 years of experience on:

- veterinary treatment and vaccination
- rapid and early diagnosis of infectious, epidemiological, and transboundary diseases

- Artificial insemination in cows and buffalo
- Use of ultrasound to monitor pregnancy in cows and buffalo
- Use of IT and social media

L. Water management experts with at least 3 years of experience on:

- Design and management of irrigation models
- Implementation of On-farm irrigation modern systems
- Field demonstration models including supply and installation of tools and materials of water pumping system powered by solar energy

ARTICLE 7 – MODALITIES FOR PRESENTATION

7.1 Applicants shall express their interest by submitting the following documents (no additional documents are requested at this stage):

- a) *dated and signed Curriculum Vitae with Photo in English (Europass format is recommended), including authorization to process personal data.*
- b) *scanned copy of a valid Identification Document.*
- c) *completed, signed, Annex A - Information about collecting, storing and processing personal data.*

7.2 The object must bear the following reference: *CALL FOR AGRICULTURE EXPERTS AND LIVESTOCK*.

7.3 Documents should be submitted: by email (PDF format not editable, enclosed in an electronic outer cover note with the reference as per point 7.2 at the following email address: cv@iamb.it)

7.4 The deadline for the submission is 30/08/2024 (11:59 pm CET TIME) as evidenced by the date and time of the email as recorded in the system of the recipient. It is encouraged to express the interest well before the deadline date, since heavy internet traffic or connection problems could lead to difficulties in submission).

7.5 All interested applicants shall be already registered/are invited to register a personal profile on CIHEAM BARI ROSTER OF EXPERTS (<https://cviamb.iamb.it>), selecting the “*curriculum type*” field (ref.: CALL FOR INTEREST) and specifying the “*title*” (ref.: *CALL FOR AGRICULTURE EXPERTS AND LIVESTOCK*).

7.6 The Contracting Authority is not liable for any incorrect, inaccurate, incomplete, damaged, lost, delayed, misdirected or intercepted entries, or for any incorrectly submitted or received applications, unreadable, damaged, lost, delayed, misdirected or intercepted. In addition, CIHEAM Bari is not liable for applications that, for any reason, are not received, or electronic or other communications that are delayed, or other technical problems related to the submission and uploading of applications.

ARTICLE 8– RULES FOR THE REGISTRATION IN THE LIST

8.1 The Contracting Authority will first evaluate the following:

- a) Eligibility as per Article 4.
- b) Qualification requirements as per Article 5 and 6.

8.2 Eligible applicants, meeting all qualification requirements, will then be inserted in the list in alphabetic order. The list does not represent any classification and the related insertion does not imply any rights to be committed the contracting authority to implement the contract.

ARTICLE 9– SELECTION PROCEDURE

9.1 Eligible applicants, meeting the relevant qualification requirements, may be invited for a short interview, then an award letter will be issued to the selected applicant, meanwhile, a reserve-list will be established for applicants, keeping their application in the reserve-list.

ARTICLE 10- PERSONAL DATA

10.1. Applying to this call the applicants explicitly authorize CIHEAM Bari to the processing of their personal data for the management and monitoring of this Call for expression of interest, in compliance with the principles of lawfulness, fairness and confidentiality requirements, in recognition that on 5 July 2019 the CIHEAM adopted the “Security of the Information and Personal Data Protection Policy”, inspired by the same principles stated in the EU Regulation 679/2016 – General Data Protection Regulation and subsequent amendments and additions.

ARTICLE 11– FINAL PROVISIONS

11.1 CIHEAM Bari reserves the right to revoke the announcement for any reasons, discretionally evaluated, and not to proceed with the assignment due to the lack of candidates’ adequate requirements or the availability of financial resources.

ARTICLE 12– LIST OF ANNEXES:

- a) Information about collecting, storing and processing personal data.