

**RUSSIAN FEDERATION**  
**SUSUTAINABLE FORESTRY PILOT PROJECT**  
**GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
**Loan No. 4552 RU**  
**Pproject ID No. P053830**

In view of the amended Loan Closing Date (November 30, 2009) this general procurement notice updates that published in Development Business, issue No. 670 of January 16, 2006.

The Russian Federation has received financing in the amount of US\$ 60 million equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sustainable Forestry Pilot Project (the Project) and intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, related services and consulting services to be procured under this project. This project is jointly financed by the Federal Forestry Agency of the Russian Federation.

The project includes:

**Component A. Sustainable Public Forest Management**

This component includes five sub-components:

- (i) Improved forest policies and regulations - support to a new Forest Code under law regulation issues, leasing regulations based on sustainable forest management, forest financing systems and forest certification ;
- (ii) Improved forest information and forest management systems including chain-of-custody system – integrated management information modules to be developed for: (a) federal forest information database, (b) regional forest management agencies, (c) pilot forest management districts (leskhozes), (d) regional forest inventory and planning enterprises, (e) regional forest fire protection organizations, (f) regional forest pest protection centers.
- (iii) Improved forest fire and pest management – improved forecasting and early fire detection, fire fighting organization and pest control monitoring. Setting up of modern radio communication systems and firefighting mechanized brigades for seven participating regions (Leningrad oblast, Arkhangelsk oblast, Krasnoyarsk kray, Khabarovsk kray, Irkutsk oblast, Republic of Buriatia, Chita oblast).
- (iv) Improved forest regeneration - introduction of innovative closed-root seedling technologies adapted to boreal forest ecosystems.
- (v) Replication of forest policy and management reforms - support to dissemination and replication of forest policy and information innovations to other interested regions.

**Component B. Institutional Strengthening of Forest Enterprises**

Part B implementation scheme is based on a mechanism of on-lending funds via an intermediary agent bank on a return basis. The Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation has signed an agreement on budget credit with Rosximbank-bank-agent of Government of Russian Federation.

In accordance with this scheme, the agent bank will finance procurement of

specialized machinery and equipment after reviewing business plans of forest enterprises interested.

The following items will, *inter alia*, be procured under the loan over a period of the years 2008-2009 to implement Component A: aerial surveys equipment and software, all-terrain forest pest complexes, laboratories for analysis of forest seed quality and origin, mobile computers with GPS, geodesic satellite systems, tachometers and electronic field equipment, harvester, forwarder and simulator, laboratory for radiological analysis. Procurement under Component B of the Project will be conducted by final recipients of the loan using commercial practices procedures.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank is conducted through the procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, January 1995 (revised January and August 1996, September 1997 and January 1999) and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Guidelines. Consulting services will be selected in accordance with the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers, January 1997(revised September 1997 and January 1999).

Specific procurement notices for contracts to be bid under the World Bank's international competitive bidding (ICB) procedures and for contracts for consultancy services will be announced, as they become available, in UN Development Business and dgMarket and local newspapers.

Interested eligible bidders who wish to be included on the mailing list to receive invitation to bid under ICB procedures, and interested consultants who wish to receive a copy of advertisement requesting expressions of interest for consultancy contracts, or those requiring additional information, should contact the address below. Information on the Project, including current invitations to bid, is also available on Web site: <http://www.fer.ru>

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