
Request For Applications from interested Research Consultants to Identify Advocacy Issues within PIND's Economic Development Program

BACKGROUND

PIND is a Nigerian non-profit Foundation established in 2010 with initial funding by Chevron Corporation to support a portfolio of socio-economic development programs for Nigeria's Niger Delta in order to improve standards of living of communities in the region. PIND supports projects in collaboration with a diverse range of donor partners including bilateral and multilateral aid agencies, federal and state government agencies in Nigeria, private companies and foundations. With an overarching goal of increasing income and employment in the region, the Foundation has four distinct but interrelated program areas. They are:

- An **economic development program** focused on generating opportunities for pro-poor market development and employment generation.
- A **capacity building program** that will build the service delivery and engagement capacity of government, civil society and, communities.
- A **peace-building program** that strengthens conflict resolution mechanisms for enabling integrated peace and economic growth.
- An **analysis & advocacy program** that improves analysis and understanding of systemic constraints to growth in the Niger Delta region.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Advocacy for Niger Delta Development project is a component of PIND's Analysis and Advocacy program designed to identify and address advocacy issues emanating from other program areas within PIND which include Economic Development, Peace Building and, Capacity Building programs. The project seeks to address advocacy issues that can lead to systemic changes within PIND's intervention areas.

ANDD is designed to rally a formal and informal network of partners in the development sector, government circles and private organizations to build a strong and cohesive voice to push for improvement in policies and practices in the Niger Delta.

The ANDD projects seek to promote change in knowledge, attitude and, practices at local, state and national level to promote policies and practices that will improve peaceable environment and economic activities. It also seeks to influence the decisions and behaviors of policymakers and market actors towards addressing identified systemic constraints to economic growth in the Niger Delta and finally the project is designed to promote collaboration, coordination and shared learning amongst development partners working in the Niger Delta

PURPOSE OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The primary purpose of this activity is to provide evidence-based data through which PIND can influence government spending to address the needs of stakeholders engaged in economic activities across PIND Economic Development interventions.

This task is to engage a research consultant to identify all the advocacy issues emanating from the Economic Development interventions in the Niger Delta and produce a report with recommendations. In particular, the consultant is expected to recommend advocacy strategies that can bring about changes in or development of policies and practices that can lead to systemic changes across all the Economic Development intervention areas.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this task are to:

1. Provide a justification to deepen PIND's government engagement to address issues affecting economic growth in PIND's Market Development value chain interventions and ATED project bothering on WASH, Renewable Energy and Access to technology and agro machinery and the Niger Delta Youth Employment Pathways (NDYEP)
2. Clearly articulate the advocacy issues that are affecting the growth sectors and their support systems that PIND is intervening through the Economic Development programs
3. Provide actionable recommendations and strategies that can be applied in the Niger Delta to address strategic advocacy issues
4. Produce a draft intervention plan for the implementation of the proposed advocacy strategies

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of this activity involves

1. A broad understanding of the advocacy related constraints all the systemic constraints affecting PIND's Economic Development intervention in the Niger Delta

2. Engagement of all relevant stakeholder comprising relevant PIND intervention managers, market actors, beneficiaries of PIND interventions, intervention and implementation partners across the nine States in the Niger Delta to identify the advocacy issues within their respective sectors
3. Quantitative and qualitative analysis of findings, production of report and design of implementation strategy

ACTIVITIES AND TIMELINES

The table below shows the scope of work above broken down to key Tasks and timeline set against them, with the total number of days required to deliver each task. This is the basis for determining the weight and cost of the assignment to PIND.

S/N	Description of activities	No of days	Associated Deliverables (Codes)
T1.	Desk research Review of existing national and State policies on all anticipated advocacy issues within PIND’s Economic Development program	5	Framework for identification and analysis Desk Research Report Inception report
T2.	Facilitate an inception meeting with relevant stakeholders in the various subsectors	1	Approved Methodology and workplan
T3.	Interview the Economic Development program intervention managers and key market actors/partners to understand the types of constraints they face that are skewed towards government intervention and those that have the potential to be addressed through policy formulation or implementation. Identify and interview relevant MDAs to understand existing policies and programs. This will also involve identification of existing gaps presented by those policies and programs bothering on the advocacy issues that the findings from the market actors will present	8	Primary data

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T4.	Provide a quantitative and qualitative analysis of finding from all relevant stakeholders and articulate the implication of those advocacy issues in a policy brief	5	Three policy briefs on top advocacy issues identified
T5.	Produce a draft report articulating the advocacy issues, effect on economic activities and recommendations and presentation to PIND	3	Draft report
T6.	Incorporate comments and produce a final report which will be inclusive of an advocacy strategy and implementation plan	3	Final report

DELIVERABLES

Deliverables stated in the table below are directly linked to specific tasks in the previous section. Due dates are to be as accurate as possible to enable appropriate activity monitoring and closeout within the stipulated time. A definite date for this activity/project closeout should be part of this deliverable table

Item		Due date
D1.	Framework for identification and analysis and desk research report	November 20, 2019
D2.	Methodology and workplan	November 22, 2019
D3.	Primary data	December 6, 2019
D4.	Three policy briefs on top advocacy issues identified	December 10, 2019
D5.	Draft report	December 10, 2019
D6.	Final report	December 18, 2019

DURATION

The Consultant will be expected to commence work on 20 November 2019 and provide a total input of 25 person-days over the period to 18 December 2019 out of which some of the days will be used for essential fieldwork and stakeholder engagements and completion of the report.

COSTS

Consultants are requested to indicate their daily rates for this assignment. However, the consultant will be engaged based on previous relevant experience and will be remunerated on a daily rate as provided in the PIND procurement policy. Please note that PSS has the mandate to negotiate rates with the consultant.

Note: All monies paid by PIND to a consultant for expenses shall be retired with relevant receipts at the completion of the assignment and any balance outstanding shall be refunded to PIND.

QUALIFICATIONS

The following qualifications and experience is required for this task

- Should be based in the Niger Delta and have strong understanding and relationship with market actors in at least two of PIND's Economic Development intervention areas (Aquaculture, Business Linkages, Cassava, Cocoa, Palm Oil, Poultry value chain; Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Renewable Energy)
- Excellent interpersonal and professional skills in interacting with community-based stakeholders, agro support actors, private sector actors and, government
- High level of written and oral communications skills in English.
- Very good reporting and data analytical skills.
- Proven stakeholders and government engagement track records - ability to establish and maintain good relationships

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CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION OF APPLICANTS

S/N	Scoring criteria	Scores allowed	Scored earned	Remark
1	Understanding of scope of work/TOR, evidenced by the completeness of the proposal in addressing every aspect of the scope of work and good interpretation of the TOR	20		
2	Experience in delivering similar projects and sharing of those reports to verify the claim	30		
4	Consultancy fees proposed	10		
5	Understanding of the government civil sectors in the ministry of agriculture, water resources, land and, finance. A strong network within the Niger Delta States and Federal Government.	40		
	Total score	100 points		

HOW TO APPLY

The application which should demonstrate how the applicant meets the requirements of this RFP should be emailed to procurement@pindfoundation.org along with the following mandatory item/supporting documents to reach **within working 5days of this advertisement (13th November 2019)**.

Mandatory Required items from vendors/consultants who intend to bid any work or service in PIND

1. Certificate of Business Registration/Mean of Personal Identification
2. Profile of organization or Resume in case of a consultant
3. Completed PIND biodata form in case of consultants
4. Most Recent Tax Clearance Certificate
5. Tax Identification Number
6. Full physical contact address
7. Bank Reference Letter
8. Bank details as follows:
 - I. Name of Account
 - II. Account Number
 - III. Name of Bank
 - IV. Address of Bank

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