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Deadline For Application: 12 October 2017

JOB TITLE: GCP/GEO/010/EC - International Expert in Post-Harvest Handling Technologies Training

TYPE OF CONTRACT: International Consultant

DUTY STATION: Home-based (with visit(s) to Georgia)

ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: FAO Representation in Georgia (FAOGE)

DURATION: Up to 40 working days within 11 months

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Organizational Setting

The ENPARDII Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia (GCP/GEO/010/EC) is a policy assistance project funded by the EU within the framework of implementation of the European Neighborhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD). The project builds upon the results of Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia (MoA) (GCP/GEO/001/EC) Project implemented during the first phase of ENPARD and provides technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture by contributing to FAO's Strategic Objective 2 - Increase and improve provision of goods and services from agriculture, forestry and fisheries in a sustainable manner; Strategic Objective 3 - Reduce rural poverty; and Strategic Objective 4: Enable more inclusive and efficient agricultural and food systems. The Project also contributes to specific Country Outcomes in the following Strategic Directions: 3.2: Institutional Development, 3.4: Regional and sectorial development - value chain development, and 3.7: Climate Change, Environment and Biodiversity.

Reporting Lines

The position is within the framework of the ENPARDII Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia (GCP/GEO/010/EC), under the overall operational guidance and responsibility of the FAO Representative and the Assistant FAO Representative in Georgia, direct supervision of the Programme Officer, in close collaboration with the National Project Manager/Team Leader (NPM/TL) and the National Policy Advisor.

Technical Focus

This position supports strengthening of informed, effective, and efficient policy-making in relation to the Strategic Direction 3.1: Enhanced competitiveness of rural entrepreneurs and, notably, Strategic Direction 3.4: Regional and sectorial development - value chain development of the Strategy for Agricultural Development in Georgia. The primary beneficiary of the assignment will be the Department for Liaisons with the Regions and its Information Consultancy Service Centres, representatives of which, as well as some other stakeholders will receive five (5) days comprehensive training in various aspects of the post-harvest handling technologies. The support implies for close collaboration with the Department for Liaisons with Regions of the Ministry of Agriculture and its Information Consultancy Service Centres, as well as Scientific Research Centre of the MoA, and other stakeholders.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Design and conduct a training programme (or training of trainers programme) for selected professionals from the MoA Information Consultancy Service Centres (ICC-s), other representatives of the MoA and stakeholders for the purpose of improving their capacity and the knowledge with regard to post-harvest handling;
- Recommend as to the key content, targeting and dissemination of information package for post-harvest handling techniques and technologies to the interested farmers through the MoA extension service, including relatively simple technologies for small-holder farmers operating technically unsophisticated facilities;
- Recommend on content of medium and long-term training programmes for post-harvest handling for educational institutions, Agricultural Scientific Research Center of the Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia, and other stakeholders;
- Recommend on the mechanism of creation and maintaining of institutional knowledge related to post-harvest handling technologies and techniques.
- Other duties as required.

CANDIDATES WILL BE ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING

Minimum Requirements

- Advanced university degree in agriculture/agricultural economics/economics/agribusiness, food sciences or a related field
- At least ten years of relevant practical field experience in post-harvest technologies, agriculture production and farming
- Working knowledge of English, and limited knowledge of Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian, Spanish.
- Computer literacy with spreadsheets, databases and electronic programs is required
- Excellent communication (both written and oral) and presentation skills

- Knowledge of Georgian country policy context and previous experience in Georgia would be considered an asset

FAO Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical/Functional Skills

- Work experience in Georgia/CIS or countries in transition
- Extent and relevance of experience in rendering policy and practical advice in the area of post-harvest handling technologies
- Familiarity with key features of important value chains of Georgian agriculture, agriculture knowledge and technologies dissemination mechanisms, practices, and trends

Tangible objectives to be achieved by the Consultant, and Key Performance Indicators

- Comprehensive trainings delivered on post-harvest technologies application
- Recommendations for institutionalization of the knowledge rendered through the trainings are developed
- Recommendations on methodology for dissemination of training messages to the broader farming community are developed
- Final report on work accomplished and recommendations provided as per duties and responsibilities above

Please note that all candidates should adhere to *FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency*.

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