



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

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Background

The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) traces its origin to the South Pacific Forum meeting in Port Moresby in 1978 which adopted a Declaration on the Law of the Sea and the establishment of a regional fisheries agency and outlined its functions. Established in 1979, the FFA is responsible for assisting its 17 members in the sustainable management of the region's offshore tuna resources.

The Vision of the Members of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency is: "Our people will enjoy the highest levels of social and economic benefits through the sustainable use of our offshore fisheries resources". The Mission of the Forum Fisheries Agency is: "To drive regional cooperation to create and enable the maximum long term social and economic benefit from the sustainable use of our shared offshore fishery resources."

The work of the Agency includes services delivered by three programmes: Fisheries Management, Fisheries Development and Fisheries Operations. Each of these programmes have specific areas or topics that require training for effective implementation. The Agency also has an Executive that delivers High Level Advice and a Corporate Services Division.

Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS)

MCS is a critical element of FFA's work with its members. Effective MCS within EEZs and beyond is essential if the fisheries are to be managed sustainably. FFA members have adopted arrangements with legal, technical and operational elements to apply MCS tools at the national and regional levels.

Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing poses a significant threat to Pacific Island tuna fisheries, undermining international, regional, and national efforts to effectively conserve and manage fish stocks. As such, FFA are delivering projects and policies to address this.

One such project is currently being implemented by FFA in conjunction with the Republic of Korea: *Republic of Korea-Pacific Islands Remote Sensing Surveillance System for Supporting Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Control Activities Project*. The project objective includes to implement a remote sensing surveillance system for supporting the detection of IUU fishing.

Need for a Provider

During the current implementation phase of this project, FFA is seeking to purchase remote sensing and post-processing data feeds for vessel detection from a relevant satellite provider.

FFA intends to use this feed to develop practices and procedures for the handling of processed remote sensing imagery.

Expression of Interest (EOI)

An EOI is invited from interested Providers to supply processed data and remote sensing feed images in line with the following specifications:

- Provision of synthetic aperture radar (SAR) images and processed data;
- **The boundary coordinates of actual sample area imaged;**
- Availability of a variety of imaging area sizes, including different resolution / pixel sizes;
- Availability of desired processed data and/or images ideally with 24 hours' notice, however up to 48 hours' notice may be satisfactory in some instances;
- Integration with SAIS is desirable.

The Provider will be expected to provide images and processed data with respect to approximately four discrete time periods (each of a fortnight's duration), as specified by FFA. The time period for the work will be from approximately mid-2018 until mid-2019.

The Provider will need to provide a detailed outline of required acquisition planning. Processed data and images for vessel detection will be required.

The allocated budget for this remote sensing feed is in the order of \$250,000 USD, available for use until December 2019. This figure may, however, be varied.

Interested providers should submit an EOI outlining how it can comply with the above specifications, and the maximum product that can be obtained for the allocated indicative budget. EOI's should outline what product availability can be provided to FFA, including the ability to comply with FFA's requests and specifications for processed data and images. As identified above will be the main criteria used in comparing the merit of proposals.

Prior to the commencement of any work commissioned under this EOI, FFA and the relevant Provider will agree on a written summary Terms of Reference, work schedule, anticipated outputs and indicative budget for each or any required project, task or activity.

FFA will evaluate the EOI submissions received and notify the preferred Provider.

Evaluation and Assessment of EOI

The evaluation will be in accordance with the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Weighting
Ability to deliver a product in line with required specifications and timeframes	50%
Volume and quality of processed data able to be provided within allocated budget.	25%
Provider's experience with supplying remote sensing feeds to support fishing related surveillance work.	25%
Total	100%

Submission of EOI

1. All EOI should be submitted together with all relevant documents and shall be in English.
2. Submission of EOIs responding to this invitation should be received by cob Friday May 25th 2018 (**Solomon Islands time and date**). Late applications will not be considered. Hard copy applications shall be sealed and should comply with the directions contained herein and addressed to: The Director-General, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency, P O Box 629,

Honiara, SOLOMON ISLANDS - Telephone (677) 21124 and Fax (677) 23995. – Attention Bryan Scott. Submission of bids as electronic PDF files is also acceptable, sent by email to procurement@ffa.int and the subject must detail the EOI request for proposal number (RFP) and subject title.

Award of Contract

FFA reserves the right to accept any EOI, and to annul the solicitation process and reject all proposals at any time prior to award of any contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected bidder(s) of the grounds for such action.

For further information regarding this invitation please contact the Forum Fisheries Agency:

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