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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare
National Rainfed Area Authority

NASC Complex, 2nd Floor,
Dev Praksh Shastri Marg,
Pusa, New Delhi-110012
Dated the 15th November, 2018

CIRCULAR

Subject:-Engagement of Technical Consultants (Senior) in NRAA.

National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA), an attached office of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, was constituted as an Advisory and Scientific body for development of rainfed areas in the year 2006. It also serves as an Advisory Body for policy and programme formulation and monitoring of schemes/programmes to resolve the agrarian challenges across the vast rainfed system of the country, besides promoting sustainable practices for steady growth of agricultural sector and farmers' welfare. Government has been laying emphasis on doubling the farmers' income by 2022, with a major focus on lagging districts, including those in rainfed areas. NRAA also serves as a repository of knowledge for dry land agriculture and focus on development of 150 most vulnerable drought-prone districts in the country. NRAA is also mandated to serve as a platform to provide strategic directions, monitoring and supervision for rainfed area development.

2. In order to achieve its mandate, NRAA invites applications from willing and eligible individuals for engagement on contract basis on fixed remuneration for a period of one year from the date of engagement which may be extended or curtailed as per the functional need, for the two positions of Technical Consultants (Senior), one each in the discipline of Agriculture/Horticulture; and, Forestry and Agro-forestry. The eligibility criteria, educational qualifications, experience and duties of these two positions is at Annexure-I.

2.1 **Duration of the Engagement:** The initial term of contract shall be for a period of one year from date of engagement and subsequent extension (s) if any, shall be decided on case to case basis depending upon requirement and performance. The appointment of Technical Consultants (Senior) would be on full-time basis and they would not be permitted to take up any other assignment during the period of their consultancy in NRAA.

2.2 **Remuneration:** The amount of monthly consolidated monthly remuneration to Technical Consultants (Senior) shall be as under:-

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| Technical Consultants (Sr.) | Rs. 1,50,000/- to Rs. 2,00,000/- p.m. depending upon educational qualification and experience as per the recommendations of a departmental Consultant Evaluation Committee (Note: In case of retired Government officials, the monthly remuneration shall be calculated by deducting basic pension from basic pay drawn by him/her at the time of retirement) |
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- 2.3 **Declaration of Secrecy:** All professionals engaged will be required to furnish oath of secrecy in prescribed format at the time of reporting for the engagement. The professionals may not, except with the previous sanction of NRAA in the discharge of his/her duties, publish a book or a compilation of articles or participate in a radio broadcast or contribute an article or write a letter to any newspaper or periodical, either in his/her own name or anonymously or pseudonymously in the name of any other person, if such book, article, broadcast, uses any information that he may gather as part of this consultancy, without the prior approval of NRAA. During the period of assignment with NRAA, all such contractual employees will be subject to the provisions of the Indian Official Secrets Act, 1923 and will not divulge any information gathered by her/him during the period of assignment to anyone who is not authorized to know / have the same. The professionals engaged by NRAA shall in no case represent or give opinion or advice to others in any manner which is adverse to the interest of NRAA or the Government.
- 2.4 **Logistics and Support:** The Technical Consultants (Senior) would be provided working space and other necessities as deemed fit, to discharge their duties and functions.
- 2.5 **Age-Limit:** Normally, the maximum age limit for all categories of Consultants will be 65 years. However, engagement beyond 65 years and upto 70 years may be considered with the approval of Secretary keeping in view his/her good health appropriate for the work and level of expertise and in rare cases.
- 2.6 **Leave, TA DA and other service conditions:** As prescribed in DAC&FW's O.M.No. 12034/8/2016-E-I, dated 30.12.2016.

3. Interested and willing persons are requested to apply for the above positions alongwith their CV (Bio-data) (in duplicate) in the format enclosed at Annexure-II. The applications should be submitted to Director (A,H&F), NRAA, NASC Complex, A-Block, 2nd Floor, DPS Marg, PUSA, New Delhi-110012 within 30 days of uploading of the vacancy circular on the website www.nraa.gov.in. **The application can also be forwarded through email to nraapc2007@gmail.com. In case any person is applying for more than one position, separate application should be submitted.** Persons who had earlier submitted applications to NRAA for the position of Technical Consultant (Senior) (Agriculture/Horticulture) in response to the earlier circular dated 1.6.2018, need not apply again but only inform that they are still interested for the said assignment.

4. The shortlisted candidates would be called for personal discussions in NRAA office, tentatively, within 20 days of the last date for receipt of application. No TA/DA will, however, be paid for attending the personal discussions.

Encl: As above

(Dr. Manoj K. Srivastava)
Director (AH&F)

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE FOR THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS IN NRAA

(i) **(Agriculture/Horticulture)**– One position

- (a). **Academic Qualification** – Ph.d Degree in Agricultural Sciences (excluding Animal Sciences) or Horticulture with specialization in Agronomy/Plant Breeding/Genetics from a recognized University or Institute;
- (b). **Experience:** 10 to 15 years of Expert knowledge of crop husbandry, crop specific technologies and horticultural practices, integrated farming system, crop alignment; and, experience in assessment, management and mitigation of various climatic aberrations and associated risks particularly in rainfed areas.
- (c). **Desirable Knowledge and skills:-**
 - (i) Good Knowledge of Computer.
 - (ii) Knowledge of Database systems.
 - (iii) Leadership and strategic thinking.
 - (iv) Climate Change
- (d). **Duties:-** To identify rainfed areas and prepare comprehensive and integrated development programmes for natural resource management, in consultation with states, focusing on multi-dimensional crop, horticulture, agri-pasture integrated systems and programmes for landless farming communities. Assessment, management and mitigation of droughts, climate and other associated risks.

(ii) **Forestry & Agroforestry**– One position

(a) **Academic Qualification:**

- i) Ph.D. or Masters Degree in Forestry/Agro-forestry from a recognized University or an institute;

(b) **Experience**

- i) (For persons possessing Ph.d) 10-15 years of field experience in management of forests or industrial plantation or medicinal plants or range lands or joint forest management or minor forest produce, or policy/programme formulation/implementation of agro-forestry;
OR
- ii) (For persons possessing Masters Degree) 20-25 years of field experience in management of forests or industrial plantation or medicinal plants or range lands or joint forest management or minor forest produce, or policy/programme formulation/implementation of agro-forestry;

Desirable:

- (i) Good Knowledge of Computer.
- (ii) Knowledge of Database systems.
- (iii) Leadership and strategic thinking.
- (iv) Climate Change

(d). **Duties:-** Consultants will assist in achieving the mandate of NRAA for identification of best package of practices for rainfed agriculture available across different research organizations for development of rainfed most vulnerable districts; suggest area specific farming system particularly for these districts to achieve goal of making agriculture sustainable and profitable; piloting of such farming systems; assist states in revisiting the District Irrigation Plans (DIPs) and Annual Action Plans of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY); to set research agenda for development of new technology for emerging challenges in dryland/rainfed area; monitoring and evaluation of programme implementation and study of various agro-forestry models suitable to most vulnerable districts and recommending the most appropriate models for implementation. Any other work that may be assigned in this regard.

**CV format for Technical Consultants (Senior) in the
National Rainfed Area Authority**

- 1. Name:
- 2. Father's Name:
- 3. Date of Birth:
- 4. Domicile:
- 5. Nationality:
- 6. Present/Postal Address with Post Office code & Police Station:
e-mail ID
Contact No. (Tel) Mobile:
- 7. Permanent address
- 8. Whether belong to SC/ST/OBC/PWD
- 9. Educational Qualifications: (Bachelor Degree and above)

| Sl. No | Course/Degree | Subject (Specialization from) | University/Institute | Year of Passing | Division/Class/Awards/Distinction | Enclosure of Self attested copies. (yes/no) |
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10. Work Experience

| S.No. | Institute | Period From To | Nature of Work | Enclosure of Self attested copies. (yes/no) |
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 - a) Good Knowledge of Computer
 - b) Knowledge of Database systems.
 - c) Leadership and strategic thinking.
 - d) Climate Change

12. Additional Information (if any).

13. Declaration: This is to certify that, I, (complete name of applicant), son/daughter/wife of
a resident of

_____ (complete address), have no pending administrative and/or criminal case before any court/organization. I, further, certify that I have never been found guilty or convicted of any administrative offence and/or crime. I also certify that all the information given by me is true to the best of my knowledge and believe and if selected and appointed will provide service fulltime and will not be engaged in any other activity.

(Signature)

Date:

Place:

Self attested Check list of information & Declaration

| S.No. | | Yes/No |
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| 1. | Full Name as per Degree Certificate | |
| 2. | Postal Address with postal PIN & Police Station | |
| 3. | e-mail ID | |
| 4. | Mobile contact | |
| 5. | Education Qualification as prescribed | |
| 6. | Work Experience as prescribed | |
| 7. | Skills & Knowledge if available | |
| 8. | Self attested certificate of educational qualification | |
| 9. | Self attested document of work experience | |
| 10. | Self declaration that information provided is true | |