

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

Title:	Demonstration Project on Environmental Co-management by Indigenous Peoples of the Russian North
Beneficiary Countries:	the Russian Federation
Indicative Budget:	US\$ 500,000
Duration:	12-13 months

Background

1. The Global Environmental Facility (GEF), through the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), is funding a project "Russian Federation – Support to the National Programme of Action for the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment". The project's overall global environment objective is to protect the global marine environment in which the Arctic plays a pivotal role. The more specific objective of the Project is to develop and establish a sustainable framework to reduce environmental degradation of the Russian Arctic from land-based activities on a system basis through the development and implementation of the Strategic Action Programme in favor of all Arctic States and global community complying with obligations of the Russian Federation under international conventions and agreements taking into account decisions and programmes of the Arctic Council. As such, the Project would create conditions, which will allow for capital investments to flow in the Russian Arctic in order to ensure long term protection of coastal and marine environment of the Arctic and to address main root causes of trans-boundary pollution in the Russian Arctic.

2. The project is implemented by UNEP and executed by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Russian Federation (Mineconomrazvitiya of Russia). Project Office will undertake procurement and contracting on behalf of UNEP and Mineconomrazvitiya of Russia.

3. The Project comprises four principal components:

1. Preparation and adoption of a Strategic Action Programme (SAP);
2. Completion of a set of Pre-Investment Studies (PINS);
3. Development and implementation of Environmental Protection System (EPS), embodying legislative, administrative, institutional and technical capacity improvements consistent with the SAP; and
4. Three demonstrations projects on:
 - (i) Environmental Co-management by Indigenous Peoples of the Russian North;
 - (ii) Remediation of the Environment through the Use of Brown Algae; and
 - (iii) Environmental Remediation of Two Decommissioned Military Bases

4. Implementation of the fourth component of the Project that includes **three demonstration projects**, will serve as a basis for a wider application of

approaches and methods for restoration and prevention of damage to the environment within the Russian Arctic as well as in other states.

5. This **call for expression of interests** (EOI) is related to the first demonstration project – **Environmental Co-Management by Indigenous Peoples of the Russian North (DEMO-COMAN)**. This demo-project should demonstrate new effective legislative and economic mechanisms to strike the balance of interests of extracting companies and indigenous peoples in resolving economic and environmental problems while preserving the traditional ways of life and habitat sustainability. One of the DEMO-COMAN outcomes is to highlight the advantages of establishing special areas – territories of traditional nature management by indigenous peoples of the North and elaborate: (1) proposals on the organisational frameworks and functioning principles of the territories of traditional nature management: (2) principles, procedures and methods of designing of territories of traditional nature management.

6. The final aim of the undertaken measures within the DEMO-COMAN is to create conditions for co-management of environmental protection by executive agencies, local self-government bodies, extracting companies and indigenous peoples of the North in the areas of their traditional habitat and economic activities. The active role in the project implementation should belong to indigenous peoples organisations, first and foremost, Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON). DEMO-COMAN provides an excellent opportunity for replicability within the circumpolar Arctic region.

Specific Requirements of the Contractor

7. The services of a reputable contracting firm with expertise in indigenous environmental co-management and preferably a presence in the region are needed to implement this demonstration project. A group of consultants, or consulting firms, forming a joint venture to undertake these tasks is also eligible to apply. The selected contractor must ensure that expertise, based in different parts of the Arctic, in various fields necessary to realize Indigenous Environmental Co-Management is fully utilized and consulted to complete the required tasks.

8. The proposed scope of activities by the Contractor should, *inter alia*, include those found in the DEMO-COMAN proposal approved by the Project's Steering Committee available at the NPA-Arctic Project web-site: <http://npa-arctic.ru/> or through a direct request to the Project Manager (Dr. Ivan N. Senchenya, E-mail: senchenya@npa-arctic.ru or senchenya@npaf.ru). Pre-selected pilot regions for DEMO-COMAN implementation are Nenets and Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Okrugs and Republic of Sakha (Yakutiya) of the Russian Federation.

9. The Consulting firm, organization or joint venture undertaking this assignment should have demonstrated experience in, at a minimum, the following:

- Organization, facilitation, and follow-up of the multi-stakeholder dialogue, particularly when it relates to environmental management;

- Development and management of projects with participation of indigenous peoples, preferably in the Russian Arctic;
- Development and execution of capacity building initiatives in the field of the environment, including those targeting indigenous people.

Submission Instructions

10. There is no need to follow a specific format when preparing the Expression of Interest (EOI), and while information should be as complete as possible, we encourage conciseness (EOIs should be less than 10 pages). The EOI should contain a description of the company or organization, its size, experience, recent financial information and details of similar work undertaken. Please do not include brochures or other reports.

11. It should be noted that NPA-Arctic Project Office is not obliged to invite to participate in the subsequent bidding process any particular company who has expressed interest in this project. Telephone calls to the NPA-Arctic Project Office are not encouraged on this call for EOIs and e-mail communication is preferable.

12. Requests for proposals and any subsequent contract will be issued by the Project Office using project procurement Guidelines. In due course the short-listed companies will be informed and invited to submit formal proposals. A winner will be selected by tender.

13. Expressions of Interest must be sent, preferable, by email by **July 1, 2007**. Interested potential suppliers of the services should send their expressions of interest to the following e-mail addresses: senchenya@npa-arctic.ru or senchenya@npaf.ru. Please make sure to indicate the following subject line: Demonstration Project on Indigenous Environmental Co-management.

14. If sent by mail, EOI should be addressed to the attention of Dr. Ivan Senchenya, Project Manager and brief-marked no later than 1st July, 2007.

15. Contact information:

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