

**INVITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR
OUTSOURCING OF EVALUATION STUDIES ON RIDF PROJECTS**

Project Monitoring Department of NABARD invites suitable proposals from reputed institutions for conducting of evaluation studies on selected RIDF projects implemented by State Governments for sectors like Watershed Development, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Flood Protection. The states and districts where the studies have to be taken up are given below:

Sector	State	District/s
Watershed Development	Himachal Pradesh	Hamirpur
Rural Drinking Water Supply	Maharashtra	Aurangabad & Ahmednagar
Flood Protection	Uttar Pradesh	Gorakhpur

The institutions should have sufficient experience in conducting evaluation studies in the above disciplines.

Broad Guidelines for the Study

Objectives of the Study

1. The objectives of the study will be
 - (i) To assess the physical and financial progress of the projects, adherence to technical and other specification of NABARD sanctions and quality of the assets created.
 - (ii) To quantify the benefits (income and employment generation) emerging from the sample projects.
 - (iii) To highlight learning points, policy interventions and needed action programme at different levels
2. An area of concern in respect of infrastructure project has been cost and time overrun. This is a subject matter, which requires thorough investigation.
3. The study will be based on both primary and secondary data on the subject. The secondary data will be collected from line departments of State Government besides, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and concerned Regional Office of NABARD.

4. The study report may, interalia, contain the following;

Introduction (brief description of the sector in general and sample projects)
Physical and Financial Progress of sample projects / Reasons for poor / good progress
Time / Cost overrun (reasons)
Technical Specifications / Adherence, Quality aspects
O & M aspects
Detailed assessment of economic benefits including financial rate of return and economic rate of return / Employment generation
Learning points such as good practices in project management, people's participation, required policy direction etc. etc.
Executive Summary

5. Terms and Conditions of the study

- Duration: Three months from the date of commencement of the study.
- The assignment fee will be released in three instalments. At the time of awarding the study, 30% of fee will be paid as advance and balance in two instalments; 50% on submission of Draft Report and 20% on submission of Final Report. Two copies of the draft report have to be submitted to NABARD for scrutiny and comments. After incorporating NABARD comments on the draft report, 10 copies of the final report have to be submitted to NABARD.
- The study report may document the success stories as a separate section-giving spotlight on the process aspects of scheme implementation. The human factor and human relations in project grounding and execution may be highlighted.
- Wherever possible, the findings may be discussed in the light of observations reported by similar studies by reputed scholars / institutions. An analytical review of literature may be a rewarding and enriching exercise.

- The agency shall ensure satisfactory progress of the study. In the absence of satisfactory progress, NABARD shall be entitled to stop disbursements of further instalments of the assignment fee and also recall the amount already released. NABARD's decision in this regard shall be final and binding on the agency.
- NABARD shall be entitled to depute its officers to the agency to verify the progress of the study, at any time during the course of the study and make suggestions for modifications in the approach / methodology and the same shall be considered by the agency for implementation to the extent possible without causing any delay or loss / damage to the agency. At the same time, the agency is entitled to freely discuss with the officials of the NABARD on issues pertinent to the study.
- The Agency / Principal Investigator shall not utilize or publish the findings or the outcome of the study without obtaining the prior approval of NABARD, in writing.
- The Agency / Principal Investigator shall bear any statutory obligations arising out of the income earned by it such as income tax / service tax, etc. and on receipt of any direction from the concerned Government Department. The taxes payable shall be deducted at source from the amount and deposited in the Government a/c. If the agency is entitled for any exemption from payment of taxes, suitable certificate of exemption will have to be filed with NABARD.
- NABARD reserves the right to recall the entire amount of the consultancy fee released and / or stop further disbursements in the event of:
 - (i) Unsatisfactory progress of the study / project as made known through the progress reports mentioned in Condition No.1 or otherwise.
 - (ii) Utilisation / diversion of consultancy fee disbursed by NABARD for purposes other than approved one.
 - (iii) Violation of any of the terms and conditions stipulated above.

Submission of Proposals

Technical and Financial Proposals for the Evaluation Study should contain the following:

- Background of the Study / Need for the study
- Scope of work/objectives of the study

- Methodology of the study: Sampling design, detailed account of the techniques/tools proposed to be used to fulfill the objectives of the study.
- Time frame of the study.
- Curriculum vitae of the professionals undertaking the study.
- Cost of the study (as shown below):

Sr. No.	Item	Rate (Rs./manday)	Mandays involved	Amount
A.	Professional Cost			
i.	Principal Investigator			
ii.	Research Associate			
iii.				
iv.				
	Sub total			
B.	Field Cost			
i.	Per diem for professionals			
ii.	Field investigators, if any			
iii.	Field travel			
iv.				
	Sub total			
C.	Miscellaneous Expenses			
	Total			
	Service tax payable to GoI			
	Grand Total (A+B+C)			

Informative proposal may be submitted to Chief General Manager, Project Monitoring Department, NABARD, Head Office, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 **on or before 30 April 2008**. The required background materials may be collected from our Regional Offices located in the State Capitals.