Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC) Renewable Energy for Rural Livelihood (RERL)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

(RFP No.: RERL/018/2018)

Title of Consulting Services

Municipal Energy Plan in 5 Rural Municipalities

Project Name: Renewable Energy for Rural Livelihood (RERL)

Office Name: Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC)

Office Address : Khumaltar Height, Lalitpur, Nepal

Financing Agency: RERL

Date of RFP Issue: 30 September 2018

Deadline for Submission of RFP: 10 October 2018

| Date |
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Dear Sir/Madam

Subject: Municipal Energy Plan for 5 Rural Municipalities

Please study the evaluation criteria and provide the relevant information

To enable you to submit a proposal, attached are:

- i. Instruction to OfferorAnnex I
- ii. General Terms and Conditions of the ContractAnnex II
- iii. Proposal Submission FormAnnex III
- iv. Financial Proposal Submission Form.....Annex IV
- v. Terms of Reference (TOR).....Annex V

Your offer comprising of both a technical proposal and a financial proposal, in a separate sealed envelopes, should reach the following address no later than **10 October 2018.**

The National Programme Manager Renewable Energy for Rural Livelihood (RERL) Khumaltar Height, Lalitpur, Nepal

Phone: 01 5539390, 5539391, Fax: 01 5542397

Website: http://www.aepc.gov.np/rerl/

Email: rerl@aepc.gov.np

If you required additional information, we are ready to provide information, but any delay in providing such information will not be considered a reason for extending the submission date of your proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Satish Gautam National Programme Manager(NPM)

A.Introduction

1. General

The purpose of this RFP is to invite technical and financial proposals from the potential consulting firms who have skill, knowledge and expertise for Municipal Energy Plan in 5 Rural Municipalities: a) Bagmati R.M. (South Lalitpur), b) Konjyosom R.M. (South Lalitpur), c) Fikkal R.M. (Sindhuli), d) Laxmaniya R.M. (Dhanusha) and e) Paterwasugali R.M. (Parsa).

2. Cost of Proposal

The offeror shall bear all costs incurred during submitting the proposal. The offereor shall bear all costs associated with the preparation and submission of the proposal. RERL will in no case be responsible or liable for those costs, regardless, of the conduct or outcome of the evaluation of this proposal.

B. Solicitation Documents

3. Contents of solicitation documents

Proposals must offer services for total requirement. The Offeror is expected to examine all corresponding instructions; forms, terms and specifications contained in the solicitation Documents. Failure to comply with these documents will be at the offeror's risk and may affect the evaluation of the Proposal.

4. Clarification of solicitation documents

The offerors requiring any clarification of the Solicitation Documents can forward their quiries in the following email address

Email: rerl@aepc.gov.np

5. Amendment of solicitation documents

At any time prior to the deadline for submission of proposals, the RERL may, for any reason, whether at its own initiative or in response to a clarification requested by a shortlisted Offeror, modify the Solicitation Documents by amendment.

All offerors that have received the Solicitation Documents will be notified in writing of all amendments to the Solicitation Documents. In order to afford prospective Offerors reasonable time in which to take the amendments into account in preparing their offers, RERL will notify in time.

C. Preparation of Proposals

6. Applying for providing services

The Offerors need to read the RFP including the ToR and prepare proposal accordingly. The proposal must address all the requirements of the proposal including required documents.

7. Language of the proposal

The proposal prepared by the Offeror and all correspondence and documents relating to the proposal exchanged by the Offeror and the RERL shall be written in the English language.

8. Documents comprising the proposal

The proposal shall comprise the following mandatory documents:

- a. Proposal submission form
- b. Organizational Profile
- c. VAT certificate
- d. Tax Clearance Certificate of 2073/74
- e. Track records of Human resource
- f. CVs of proposed human resources signed by concern individual
- g. The proposal must provide clear methodology to meet the activities proposed for completing this task

9. Proposal form

The Offeror shall structure the operational and technical part of its proposal as follows:

i. Proposed methodology

This section should demonstrate the Offeror's responsiveness to the specification by identifying the specific components proposed, addressing, the requirements, as specified, point by point, providing a detailed description of the essential performance characteristics proposed warranty; and demonstrating how the proposed methodology meets or exceeds the specifications. This section should explain clearly how the required information as mentioned in the scope of work in the attached ToR will be collected and analyzed.

Pricing information shall be separated and only contained in the appropriate Price Schedules.

It is mandatory that the Offeror's Proposal numbering system corresponds with the numbering system used in the body of this RFP. All the references to descriptive material and brochures should be included in the appropriate response paragraph, though material/documents themselves may be provided as annexes to the Proposal/response.

Information which the Offeror considers proprietary, if any, should be clearly marked "proprietary" next to the relevant part of the text and it will then be treated as such accordingly.

ii. Summary Sheet

The Offeror is required to prepare a summary sheet (Table 1) with information related to previous or ongoing work relevant to this study.

Table 1 Summary sheet

| SN | Name of the program/project | Contract agency | Duration | Amount contract | of |
|----|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----|
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Note: Please mention only settlement, infrastructure or urbanization sector program/project

iii. Qualification of the Service Provider

The consulting firm (Offeror) must have atleast two years of experience in planning and development projects. The consulting firm must be legally registered as per the rule of Government of Nepal and provide the following documents

- 1. Consulting Firm/Company Registration Certificate
- 2. VAT Registration Certificate
- 3. 2073/74 Tax Clearance Certificate

iv. Human Resource Requirement

Team Leader: The Team Leader must have a minimum of Bachelors Degree in Engineering with minimum of 10 years of experience in the energy sector. The candidate should also have a minimum of 5 years experience in energy planning and implementation of renewable energy projects. Demonstration of past experience in decentralized energy planning in District Development Committee(now District Coordination Committee) will be an added advantage for this position. The team leader should also have excellent skills in excel software along with other planning tools and understanding of Sustainable Development Goals along with ESMAP Multi-Tier Framework.

Planning Supervisor: The Planning Supervisor should have a minimum of Bachelors Degree in Statistics/Economics/Engineering/Science with minimum of 5 years of experience in planning and supervising renewable energy programs or projects. The supervisor will be responsible for coordination, training enumerators, analysis and recommendations. Relevant experience in renewable energy and specifically in planning and data analysis will be highly desired.

GIS Expert: The GIS Expert should have a minimum of Bachelors Degree in with minimum of 5 years of experience in use of GIS software in planning projects. Experience in GIS in the field of energy, water, forests and other infrastructure will be considered valuable for this project.

10. Proposal prices

The Offeror shall indicate on an appropriate Price Schedules, the price of a service it proposes to supply under the contract. The VAT should be included in the offer, if applicable. The tax will be deducted at source as per prevailing tax rule of the government.

11. Proposal currencies

All prices shall be quoted in the Nepalese Rupees (NRs)

12. Period of validity of proposals

Proposals shall remain valid for One Hundred And twenty (120) days after the date of the Proposal submission prescribed by the RERL, pursuant to the deadline clause. A Proposal valid for a shorter period may be rejected by RERL on the grounds that it is non-responsive.

In exceptional circumstances, the RERL may solicit the Offeror's consent to an extension of the period of validity. The request and the responses there to shall be made in writing. An Offeror granting the request will not be required or permitted to modify its proposal.

13. Format and signing of Proposals

The Offeror shall prepare the Proposal. The Proposal shall be in typed or written in indelible ink and shall be signed by the Offeror or a person or persons duly authorized to bind the Offeror to the contract. The latter authorization shall be indicated by written power-of-attorney accompanying the proposal.

The Proposal shall contain no interlineation, erasures, or overwriting except, as necessary to correct errors made by the Offeeror, in which case such corrections shall be initialed by the person of persons signing the proposal.

14. Estimated Completion Date

The desired delivery date for completion of this task is 4 months after signing the contract.

15. Payment

The RERL shall effect payments to the Contractor/Offeror after acceptance by the RERL of the invoices submitted by the Contractor/Offeror. The payments will be made in installment basis based on deliverables.

| <u>An</u> | nount in percentage | <u>Payment</u> |
|-----------|---------------------|---|
| i) | 30% | After Submission of Inception Report |
| ii) | 40% | After submission of Data Collection and Ward Discussion Report |
| ii) | 30% | After submission of final report and approval from of AEPC/RERL |

D. Submission of Proposals

16. Sealing and marking of Proposals

The Offeror shall seal (lahachhap) the proposal in one outer and two inner envelopes, as detailed below.

(i) The outer envelope shall be

Addressed to:

The National Project Manager

Renewable Energy for Rural Livelihood (RERL)

Khumaltar Height, Lalitpur, Nepal

Phone: 01 5539390, 5539391, Fax: 01 5542397

Website: http://www.aepc.gov.np/rerl/

Email: rerl@aepc.gov.np

And,

Marked with:

"Municipal Energy Plan of 5 Rural Municipalities"

(ii) Both inner envelopes shall indicate the name and address of the Offeror. The first inner envelope shall contain the information specified in clause 8 (Proposal Form) above. The second inner envelope shall include the price schedule and price schedule of individual Offeror duly identified as such.

NOTE, if the inner envelopes are not sealed and marked as per the instructions in this clause, the RERL will not assume responsibility for the Proposal's misplacement or premature opening.

17. Deadline for the submission of Proposals

Proposals must be received by the RERL at the address specified under clause *Sealing* and *Marking* of *Proposals* no later than **17:00 hrs, 10 October 2018.**

RERL may, at its own discretion extend this deadline for the submission of Proposals by amending the solicitation documents in accordance with clause *Amendments of Solicitation Documents*, in which case all right and obligations of the RERL and Offerors previously subject to the deadline will thereafter be subject to the deadline as extended.

18. Late Proposals

Any Proposals received by RERL after the deadline for the submission of Proposals, pursuant to clause *Deadline for the submission of Proposals*, will be rejected.

19. Modification and withdrawal of the Proposals

The Offeror may withdraw its proposal after the Proposal's submission, provided that written notice of the withdrawal is received by the RERL prior to the deadline prescribed for the submission of the Proposals.

The Offeror's withdrawal notice shall be prepared, sealed, marked, and dispatched in accordance with the provisions of the Clause Deadline for Submission of Proposals. The withdrawal notice may also be sent by telex or fax but followed by a signed confirmation copy.

No proposal may be modified subsequent to the deadline for the submission of the Proposals.

No Proposal may be withdrawn in the interval between the deadline for submission of proposals and the expiration of the period of the Proposal validity specified by the Offeror on the Proposals Submission Form.

E. Opening and evaluation of the Proposals

20. Opening of proposals

The RERL will open the Proposals in the presence of AEPC and UNDP representatives at the Programme Office.

21. Clarification of the proposals

To assist in the evaluation and comparison of Proposals, the Purchaser may at its discretion, ask the Offeror for clarification of its Proposal. The request for clarification and the response shall be written form and no change in price or substance of the Proposals shall be sought, offered or permitted.

22. Preliminary examination

The Procurer will examine the Proposals to determine whether they are complete, whether any computational errors have been made, whether the documents have been properly signed, and whether the Proposals are generally in order.

Arithmetical errors will be rectified on the following basis: If there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total price that is obtained by multiplying the unit price and quantity, the unit price errors, its proposal will be rejected. If there is a discrepancy between the words and figures the amount in words will prevail.

Prior to the detailed evaluation, the Procurer will determine the substantial responsiveness of each Proposal to the request for Proposals (RFP). For the purposes of these clauses, a substantially responsive Proposal is one which confirms to all the terms and conditions of RFP without material deviations. The producer's determination of a proposal's responsiveness is based on the contents of the proposal itself without recourse to extrinsic evidence.

23. Evaluation and comparison

Total Score (100%) = Technical Evaluation (70%) + Financial Evaluation (30%) Maximum Total Score = 1000

The Financial Proposal carries a total score of 300 points. The points for the financial proposal will be allocated as per the following formula:

| Lowest Bid Offered * | | |
|-------------------------|---|-----|
| | Χ | 300 |
| Bid of the Firm/Offeror | | |

* "Lowest Bid Offered" refers to the lowest aggregate price offered by proposers scoring at least 70% points in Technical Evaluation.

The Contract will be awarded to the (agency/Organization/Firm) Offeror scoring the highest combined scores (Technical and Financial).

Technical evaluation criteria will be as follows:

| Summary of technical proposal evaluation form | Score weight | Point obtainable |
|--|--------------|------------------|
| Expertise of the firm submitting proposal | 10% | 100 |
| Methodology, its appropriateness to the ToR, condition and timeliness of the implementation plan | 50% | 500 |
| Qualification and experience of personnel | 40% | 400 |
| Total | | 1000 |

NOTE: Seventy percent weightage will be given to technical proposal and thirty percent for financial proposal.

Form 1: Criteria for evaluation of expertise of the firm

| SN | Criteria | Obtainable points | Company/Firm | | | | |
|----|--|-------------------|--------------|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Α | В | С | D | E |
| 1 | Minimum of 2 Years of Experiece in planning and development projects. | 40 | | | | | |
| 2 | Organizational structure (size of the firm, strength of project management, annual turnover) | 30 | | | | | |
| 3 | Completed task relevant to this activity | 30 | | | | | |
| | Sub-total | 100 | | | | | |

Form 2: Criteria for evaluation of approach, methodology and appropriateness

| SN | Criteria | Obtainable points | Company/Firm | | | I | |
|----|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Α | В | С | D | E |
| 1 | Understanding of Scope of Work | 100 | | | | | |
| 2 | Proposed approach and methodology | 300 | | | | | |
| 3 | Timeline plan | 100 | | | | | |
| | Sub-total | 500 | | | | | |

Form 3. Criteria for evaluation of proposed human resources

| SN | Criteria | Obtainable points | e Company/Firm | | | Company/Firm | | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|---|---|--------------|---|--|--|
| | | | Α | В | С | D | E | | |
| Team Leader | Bachelors Degree in Engineering with minimum of 10 years experience in the field of energy | 30 | | | | | | | |
| | Minimum 5 years of experience energy planning and implementation of projects | 110 | | | | | | | |
| | Demonstration of skills in data analysis tools/software | 100 | | | | | | | |
| Planning Supervisor | Minimum Bachelors Degree in Statistics/Economics/Engineering/Scien ce | 30 | | | | | | | |
| | Minimum 5 years experience in renewable energy programs/projects | 100 | | | | | | | |
| GIS Expert | Bachelor Degree with minimum of 5 years of experience in GIS based planning projects | 30 | | | | | | | |
| | Specific experience in energy, water, forests and infrastructure planning | 100 | | | | | | | |
| | Sub-Total 500 | | | | | | | | |

B. Award of contract

24. Award criteria, award of contract

The RERL reserves the right to accept the proposal or reject all proposals at any time prior to award of the contract, without thereby any liability to the affected Offeror or any obligation to inform the affected Offeror or Offerors of the grounds for the Purchaser's action prior to the expiration of the period of proposal validity, the RERL will award the contract to the qualified Offeror whose proposal

after being evaluated is considered to be the most responsive to the needs of the organization and activity concerned.

25. Purchaser's right to vary requirements

The purchaser reserves the right at the time of award of the contract to vary the quantity of services and goods specified in the RFP without any change in price or other terms and conditions.

26. Signing of the conditions

After the evaluation of the proposals, a selected Offeror will be asked to enter into contract. Within 5 days of the receipt of the contract, the successful Offeror shall sign and date the contract and return it to the purchaser.

General Terms and Conditions of the Contract

1. Independent Relationship

Nothing contained in the contract shall be construed as establishing or creating between Government and the Organization the relationship of a master and a servant or principal and agent, it being understood that the Organization is an independent person vis-à-vis Government.

2. Organization /Expert/Consultant's General Responsibilities

- The organization shall carry out services under this contract with due diligence and efficiency and in conformity with the highest standards of professionals and ethical competence and integrity.
- The Organization shall act at all times so as to protect, and not be in conflict with the interests of Government.
- The organization shall be responsible for the professional and technical services provided by him/her in the implementation of this contract.

3. Workmen's compensation and other insurance

The organization shall make his/her own arrangements regarding insurance for the medical expenses and for an accident, death and permanent disability for the period of this contract. All costs involved will be borne by the Organization.

4. Source of Instruction

The organization shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority other than NPC/RERL's authorized agent in connection with the performance of services under this contract.

5. Prohibition on conflicting activities

The Organization shall ensure that he/she will not directly/indirectly engage in any activity that would conflict with those of RERLin respect of this evaluation.

6. Officials no to benefit

The Organization warrants that no RERL has been or will be admitted by him/her to any direct/indirect benefit arising from this contract or award thereof.

7. Assignment

The Organization shall not assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this contract or any other parts thereof rights, claims or obligations under this contract, without prior written approval of RERL.

8. Records, Accounts, Information and Audit

• The organization shall maintain accurate and systematic records and accounts in respect of the services to be performed under this contract.

- The Organization shall furnish, compile or make available at all times to RERLany records or information, oral or written, which RERLmay reasonably request for in respect of the services to be performed under this contract.
- The Organization shall allow RERLor its authorized agents to inspect and audit all such records or information upon reasonable notice.

9. Language

Unless otherwise specified in this contract, englishlanguage shall be used by the Organization in all written communications to RERLwith respect to the services rendered and with respect to all documents procured or prepared pertaining to such services.

10. Equipment of property

Equipment or property furnished to the organization with funds supplied or reimbursed by the RERL or its agent shall be the property of the RERLand such equipment shall be returned to the duly authorized official of RERL upon completion of the services, conclusion of this contract or upon completion of the services, conclusion of this contract or upon termination thereof or when no longer required by the Organization. Such equipment or property when returned to RERLshall be in the same conditions as when delivered to the Organization, subject to the normal wear and tear. The organization shall in any event, be liable to RERLfor the loss of or damage to such equipment or property through his/her fault or negligence.

11. Confidential Nature of Documents

All maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics and plans.

12. Amendments

The terms and conditions of this contract may be amended only in writing signed by both parties to this contract or their duly authorized representatives.

13. Obligation to Inform RERL of change in condition

The organization shall promptly and fully notify RERLin writing of any conditions, which interferes, or threatens to interfere, with successful carrying out of the services under this contract. Such notice shall not however relieve the Organization of his/her obligations to continue to provide services under this contract. Upon receipt of such notice, RERLshall take such action as in its sole discretion it considers to be appropriate or necessary under the circumstances.

14. Taxation

The Organization shall be liable for any tax levied on the remuneration and allowances paid as per this contract. Income tax on the remuneration and allowances paid to the organization will be deducted at source.

Annex III

Proposal Submission Form (Company Letter Head)

The National Programme Manager Renewable Energy for Rural Livelihood (RERL) Khumaltar Height, Lalitpur, Nepal

Phone: 01 5539390, 5539391, Fax: 01 5542397

Website: http://www.aepc.gov.np/rerl/

Email: rerl@aepc.gov.np

Dear Sir,

Having examined the Solicitation Documents, the receipt of which is hereby duly acknowledged, we, the undersigned, offer to provide services to conduct evaluation of the " Municpal Energy Plan for 5 rural municipalities "for the sum as may be ascertained in accordance with the Price Schedule attached herewith and made part of this proposal.

We undertake, if our proposal is accepted, commence and complete delivery of all services specified in the contract within the time frame stipulated.

We agree to abide by this Proposal for a period of 120 days from the date fixed for opening of Proposals in the invitation for proposal, and it shall remain binding upon us and may be accepted at any time before the expiration of that period.

We understand that you are not bound to accept any proposal —whole or part —you may receive.

Dated this day/Month of year

Signature Name Position Stamp

Duly authorized to sign Proposal for and on behalf of

Financial Proposal Submission Form PRICE SCHEDULE

The Consulting Firm/Contractor is asked to prepare the Price Schedule alongwith the cost breakdown (as provided in this annex IV below) in separate envelop. All prices/rates quoted must be inclusive of all taxes. The Price Schedule must provide a detailed cost breakdown. Provide separate figure for each functional grouping or category. The format shown on the following pages should be used in preparing the Price Schedule. The format includes specific expenditures, which may or may not be required or applicable but are indicated to serve as the examples. Therefore, it should be considered as broad guidelines for Price Schedule (s).

Cost Breakdown by Cost Component [This is only an Example]:

| S.N. | Particulars | Quantity | Unit | Rate NRs | Amount NRs. |
|------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------|----------|-------------|
| Α | Human Resource | | | | |
| 1 | Team Leader | | MD | | |
| 2 | Planning Supervisor | | MD | | |
| 3 | GIS Expert | | MD | | |
| 4 | Enumerators | | MD | | |
| 5 | Tools (Such as GPS) and other devices | | LS | | |
| 6 | Others: | | MD/LS | | |
| 7 | Others: | | MD/LS | | |
| В | Travel cost and DSA | | | | |
| С | Total (A +B) | | | | |
| D | VAT (13%) of C | | | | |
| | Total (C+D) | | | | |

Notes:

- 1. Financial proposals will be selected on the basis of compliance with RERL costing parameters.
- 2. Payment will be made only for the activities costed in the financial proposal.

(Signature)

[Name and Signature of the Service Provider's Authorized Person]

[Designation]

[Date]

(Office Stamp)

Terms of Reference for Municipal Energy Plan for 5 Rural Municipalities

1. Introduction

Alternative Energy Promotion Centre (AEPC) is the apex Government body under the Ministry of Energy, Water Resource and Irrigation which was established in 1996 with major objective as promotion of Renewable Energy Technologies for enhancement of the socio-economic status of the rural people. Under AEPC, UNDP-GEF-RERL Programme has been under implementation, from 1st July, 2014 upon the successful completion of the Rural Energy Development Program (REDP) and Renewable Energy for Rural Livelihood (RERL), with main focus on enhancing rural livelihood. The objective of the programme is to remove barriers to increased utilization of renewable energy resources in rural Nepal in order to support technical, economic, environmental and social development of people in the rural areas and to reduce GHG emissions.

2. Rationale of the Study

AEPC/RERL initiated preparation of Municipal Energy Plan (MEP) with an aim to achieve sustainable and integrated planning for clean energy solutions for household, institutions and production. The MEP will identify on grid and off-grid solutions by following a least cost model under a time horizon of 5 years. This document will be an opportunity for local government, public, private along with other stakeholders and agencies to assess and address opportunities and achieve these through planning, budgeting, policy and targets. The specific task focuses on consideration of ward level geographical, infrastructural and socio-economic conditions by developing a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) based methodology to develop planning system including the least cost model. It is expected that the MEP will identify technology or an optimal mix of different options, ranging from individual solar home system (SHS), community level mini grids to grid extension in a particular area to meet the requirements of clean energy for all. Hence, based on the request received from Municipalities/Rural Municipalities, AEPC/RERL will be supporting in preparation of Municipal Energy Plan in a) Bagmati R.M. (South Lalitpur), b) Konjyosom R.M. (South Lalitpur), c) Fikkal R.M. (Sindhuli), d) Laxmaniya R.M. (Dhanusha) and e) Paterwasugali R.M. (Parsa).

3. Objectives of the Study

The objective of this ToR is to conduct assessment and support prepration of Municipal Energy Plan for a) Bagmati R.M. (South Lalitpur), b) Konjyosom R.M. (South Lalitpur), c) Fikkal R.M. (Sindhuli), d) Laxmaniya R.M. (Dhanusha) and e) Paterwasugali R.M. (Parsa).

4. Scope of Work (activities)

Detail of the activities to be completed, but not limited to, for all the 5 municipalities/rural municipalities are as below:

A. Propose the process flow, i.e. the methodology, of the entire municipal energy plan to achieve the objective as envisaged by this ToR. The methodology should cover household, institutions and productive sectors in general. The flow should propose required tools, software, nature of questionnaire, stakeholders and other actions to achieve results as desired by MEP

- B. The proposal should focus on integrating Sustainable Development Goals, ESMAP Multi-Tier Framework (lighting, cooking and production) and GESI during survey, assessment, projections and reflect these in MEP.
- C. The final stage of the MEP should include budget and activities for the next 5 years with implementation plan/strategy along with framework for monitoring and evaluation of activities proposed
- D. The activity will use GIS platform and a least cost model for integrating field level data (GPS coordinates) of household cluster, location of transformers, proposed site of substation/power generators, public institutions, ward offices and municipal/rural municipal office. Digital map (prints for presentation and reports) will be used for discussion and planning purposes
- E. The planning activity should include i) inception presentation at municipality, ward and cluster and should include representatives from NEA and other local planning agencies or partners working in drinking water, irrigation, production and employment, ii) followup presentation at each of the ward offices with stakeholders is highly recommended and iii) finally, a comprehensive discussioin in municipalities in presence of Rural Municipality Chairperson, Ward Representatives and other stakeoholders for formalization and approval of planning should be conducted. The presentation at the field/RM's office/Ward office should be in Nepali and cover all the process including Sustainable Development Goals, Multi-Tier Framework and GESI
- F. The consultant should plan for enumerators for data collection from clusters, wards, RM, regional/local NEA offices, local businesses, associations and other stakeholders to get the minimum data required for MEP. It is recommended to have at least two enumerators for each rural municipalities for collection of data. Consultants can also propose innovative ways to collect data using digital devices.
- G. The consultant should propose their own tools such as software, GPS devices, tablets or any other recommended equipment for collecting, recording and presenting data.
- H. Use of secondary data, information and reports can be referenced based on discussion with AEPC/RERL
- I. The consultant should submit inception report, data and ward discussion report and final report (in Nepali and English) to AEPC/RERL

- Deadline: October 30, 2018

- Deadline: November 30, 2018

5. Inputs from AEPC/RERL

There will be following inputs for completing the assignment:

- a. Details of Focal Persons of the prosposed sites
- b. Documents and Data from AEPC/RERL

6. Expected Deliverables

6.1. Inception Report6.2. Data and Ward Discussion Report

6.3. Final Report - Deadline: January 10, 2019

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