

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ)**

Date: 23 May 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject:** Request for Quotation for services: “Clean up the riparian zone of Lake Hovsgol and expansion of water sanitation zone in the degraded shorelines”

**Project:** 00078317, Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem

**Case reference:** RFQ\_GPSO\_2013-059 (IWC-78317)

1. The United Nations Office for Project Services (hereinafter “UNOPS”) is pleased to invite you to submit a quotation for supply of the services described in Annex I to this Request for Quotation.
2. We would appreciate receiving your quotation on or before **12 June 2013 10:00 A.M. Irkutsk time** via e-mail [DmitriP@unops.org](mailto:DmitriP@unops.org) (it must not exceed 8MB) or fax **+73012338030** to the attention of **Dmitry Popov**. Please specify above project and reference number on your quotation.
3. Any requests for clarification should be referred to:  
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4. Your quotation shall include the following:
  - Brief approach and methodology as well as CV(s) of proposed staff/personnel in response to the Terms of Reference as per Annex I.
  - Fixed overall quotation in a single currency (see Annex II) with the following structure:  
  
Name(s) of consultant(s)  
Number of working days and daily fee  
Daily subsistence allowance  
Number of international travels and cost  
Number of local travels and costs  
Other costs  
TOTAL
  - Completed Previous Experience Form (see Annex III)

5. UNOPS evaluates the quotations based on best value, i.e. best quality and cost-effectiveness of the proposed offers. The following aspects will be considered for the evaluation:
  - (a) Suitability of the approach and methodology including firm's capacity to undertake the services
  - (b) Qualifications and suitability of the staff/personnel proposed for the assignment including their previous experience with same type of assignment
  - (c) Cost-effectiveness of price quotation
6. A contract may be awarded to the bidder having submitted the quotation representing the best value for UNOPS. However, UNOPS reserves the right to accept or reject any quotation, and to cancel the process and reject all quotations, at any time prior to the award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the Bidders or any obligation to inform the Bidders of the grounds for such action.
7. UNOPS reserves the right to make multiple arrangements for any item or items.
8. In the event of a Contract the UNOPS General Conditions will apply. The conditions are available at <http://www.unops.org/english/whatweneed/Pages/Guidelinesforsuppliers.aspx> under "UNOPS general conditions of contract": UNOPS Conditions of Services - For contracts of a value of less than USD 50,000. (Annex IV)
9. **Supplier eligibility.** Suppliers shall not be eligible to submit an offer and to be awarded a contract when at the time of bid submission:
  - (a) Suppliers are already suspended by UNOPS, or,
  - (b) Supplier's names are mentioned in the UN 1267 list of Terrorists issued by the Security Council resolution 1267, which establishes a sanctions regime to cover individuals and entities associated with Al-Qaida and/or the Taliban, or,
  - (c) Suppliers are suspended by the UN Procurement Division (UN/PD), or,
  - (d) Suppliers have been declared ineligible by the World Bank.

Furthermore, as a condition of doing business with UNOPS it is necessary that suppliers, their subsidiaries, agents, intermediaries and principals cooperate with the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) of the United Nations, UNOPS Internal Audit and Investigations Group (IAIG) as well as with other investigations authorized by the Executive Director and with the UNOPS Ethics Officer (during preliminary reviews in line with UNOPS whistle blower policy) as and when required. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to, the following: access to all employees, representatives, agents and assignees of the supplier; as well as production of all documents requested, including financial records. Failure to fully cooperate with investigations will be considered sufficient grounds to allow UNOPS to repudiate and terminate the contract, and to debar and remove the supplier from UNOPS's list of registered suppliers.

10. **Information regarding Bid Protest can be found at:**  
<http://www.unops.org/english/whatwedo/services/procurement/Pages/Procurementpolicies.aspx>
11. UNOPS strongly encourages all Bidders to subscribe to the Tender Alert Service available on the United Nations Global Market Place ([www.ungm.org](http://www.ungm.org)). This will allow Bidders to be

notified automatically of all UNOPS business opportunities for the products and services for which they have registered. Instructions on how to subscribe to the Tender Alert Service can be found in the UNGM Interactive Guide for Suppliers.

12. UNOPS will effect payment within 30 days after receipt of original payment documentation.

We look forward to receiving your quotation.

Yours sincerely,  
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## ANNEX I - TERMS OF REFERENCES

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Mongolia</b>
<b>Type of Contract:</b>	<b>Service Contract</b>
<b>Post Level:</b>	<b>Local</b>
<b>Languages Required:</b>	<b>English, Russian</b>
<b>Starting Date:</b>	<b>01-August-2013</b>
<b>Duration of Initial Contract:</b>	<b>01- August - 2013 – 01-October - 2013</b>
<b>Expected Duration of Assignment:</b>	<b>2 months</b>

### **Background:**

The project's objective is to spearhead integrated natural resource management of Baikal Lake Basin and Hovsgol Lake ensuring ecosystem resilience, reduced water quality threats in the context of sustainable economic development. The project has three primary components: elaborating a strategic policy and planning framework; strengthening institutional capacity for IWRM; and demonstrating water quality and biodiversity mainstreaming practice, including groundwater monitoring and protection.

This project builds upon a solid, decades-old baseline of bilateral cooperation between Russia and Mongolia on the transboundary waters of the Selenga River and by extension the Baikal Basin itself. To date, international support for environmental conservation and management in the Baikal Basin has not been transboundary in orientation; little support has been provided the two countries in strengthening their transboundary cooperation to manage sustainably the globally significant environmental benefits represented by the incomparable Lake Baikal and its transboundary Basin, at the top of which lies Mongolia's aquatic jewel, Lake Hovsgol. In addition to this solid baseline of transboundary cooperation are two rapidly growing economic baselines in mining and tourism, with mining being the biggest and fastest growing economic activity in the Baikal Basin and tourism a smaller but also rapidly growing sector in both the Russian and Mongolian portions of the Baikal Basin. Both of these sectors hold much promise in becoming better stewards of the Baikal Basin's aquatic ecosystems. In the absence of a GEF investment, these barriers are likely to continue hampering an effective transboundary response to the critical threats that are already impacting the ecosystem health and resilience of the Baikal Basin.

Successful implementation of a regional project like "Integrated Natural Resource Management in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem", to a large degree depends on effective implementation and ownership of project-inspired work at the national and local levels.

### **Justification:**

Lake Baikal and its transboundary basin including Lake Hovsgol represent an unparalleled global benefit in terms of international waters and biodiversity values. While past and current efforts to protect and sustainably utilize the environment and its natural resources are impressive, they are insufficient to the task of addressing the threats to the health of the Baikal Basin's interconnected aquatic ecosystems. These threats include: climate change, pollution and sedimentation, nutrient loading, and habitat destruction.

Overall, the basic legal and policy frameworks for the conservation and sustainable management of the Baikal Basin are in place. From a transboundary perspective, lacking are specific laws or policies enabling the transboundary monitoring of aquatic ecosystem health both in Russia and Mongolia. The regulatory basis for ecosystem conservation and water-pollution prevention in Baikal has not yet been completed. For example, the regulatory and policy mechanisms needed to implement a SAP, as well as sub-basin watershed management plans are as yet uncertain. Several scientific components for SAP development and implementation remain yet to be completed, particularly with regard to the extent of groundwater / surface water interconnectivity in the region, especially along the Selenga River; and accumulation of persistent organic pollutants in the benthic sediments and biota of the Basin's rivers, deltas and lakes. Neither Russian or Mongolian law adequately stipulates clear and practical environmental quality standards for ground water and surface water. The two are inextricably linked in most river systems. The picture of water quality threats from industrial and mining sites remains incomplete; and measures on how best to handle residual pollution problems from abandoned mining sites have not been defined in policies on either side of the border. EIA procedures do not properly address biodiversity risks; and sectoral programs are operating without standards for minimization or reduction of impacts to biodiversity. Tourism laws and policies focus more upon the economic aspects of tourism development and promotion and give short shrift to detailing guidelines and training on mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem health management objectives into tourism planning and management practices, including utilizing new tools such as certification incentives for environmentally sustainable behavior by tourism operators.

Public education is key element for enhanced public awareness of the conditions, challenges and threats to the environment of the Baikal Basin. Adequate education is relevant to all concerned stakeholders at all levels in the civil society. This activity will aim at ensuring and improving the availability of regular comprehensive reports providing accurate, up-to-date and accessible information about environmental conditions of the Baikal Basin and thereby enhancing the consciousness of the civil society.

#### **Development objective:**

Lake Baikal is a global symbol of clean water resources, its strategic location, its potential for tourism development as well as its status as a natural heritage site will enable this work to raise awareness and knowledge about sustainable water use and waste management among the local population and tourists through hands-on, service oriented actions such as cleaning up litter clogged riparian zones. Project messages will encourage the preservation and sustainable use of Lake Baikal's natural resources by local communities and will promote educational work targeted at local communities and wider local audience, including tourists, mass media, and business. Because of the high profile of Lake Baikal and its global significance it can become a symbol for a national water conservation campaign beyond the local and regional context. Therefore, the project will also support a nation-wide public awareness programme targeting specific groups for results-based awareness raising initiatives.

#### **Immediate objective(s):**

This Service will be done as part of the Output 3.4."Baikal Information Center, with NGO Forum and Business and Industry Partnerships". The objective of this service is to promote the active involvement of local communities in the cleaning up campaign work and enhancing

people's environmental education about that community action can maintain the fine balance between human and environment.

A set of activities will be developed, including clean up in the riparian zone of Lake Hovsgol and downstream site of its tributaries and expansion of water sanitation zone in the degraded shorelines nearby Khatgal village with the support of NGO's and environmental policy developing unit of Khatgal soum.

### **Specific Deliverables:**

The work is expected to deliver the following results:

- Organization of clean-up campaign in the south western and eastern riparian zones of Lake Hovsgol and downstream site of its tributaries Alag tsar and Khilem Rivers. This activity will include public awareness to local people living in the area and let them participate in the cleaning work;
- Continue to set up water sanitation zone water sanitation zone in the degraded shorelines near Khatgal village;
- Establishment of partnership relations with local authorities, environmental policy development unit of soum and other stakeholders;
- Inclusion of scholars into to eco education program and teach them about impact of garbage to our nature and how to prevent from it;
- Attraction of Mass Media, creation of media materials on activities results.

### **Expected Outputs, reports and related logistics:**

- Detailed calendar plan for activities to be carried out within the framework of the contract (at the end of first 5 days);
- Compiling of Final Report, which includes photo- and video materials on work performed, providing media materials.

All promo-, media materials and publications made within the framework of the contract must have reference on the project and have to be provided to Project Manager. Before using any collected information for any other purpose than reporting under the present contract, contractor need to obtain the formal approval of UNDP/GEF and UNOPS (see Annex IV - UNOPS conditions of services, articles: 3-Intellectual Property Rights, 5-Advertising).

Payment will be made in 2 installments based on the acceptance of the required deliverables by the Project Manager as specified below:

- 40% payment as a first installment upon the submission of detailed calendar plan for activities to be carried out within the framework of the contract (no later 03 Aug 2013);
- 60% remaining payment upon submission of Final Report – no later 01 Oct.2013.

Contract will be issued in the currency of the offer, and the payment will be effected in the currency of the contract.

### **Qualifications:**

- Technical expertise in the required fields of: environmental education.
- Demonstrated experience in similar project and relevant fields (please provide up-dated list of projects, preferably in the country).

- Presence of the company in Mongolia.
- Fluency in writing and spoken Mongolian.
- Availability of required tools and materials for the work.

**Budget:** An indicative cost of USD 6000 has been estimated for these services.

**ANNEX II. FINANCIAL OFFER**

Name(s) of consultant(s) (a)	Number of working days (b)	Daily fee (c)	Daily subsistence allowance (d)	Total (e)=(b)x((c)+(d))
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				

International/National travels (a)	Quantity (b)	Cost (c)	Currency (d)	Total (e)=(b)x(c)
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				

Other Costs (description)	Cost
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	



**ANNEX III: PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE FORM**

<b>Previous Experience</b>				
<b>Description of services/goods/works/</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Total amount of contract</b>	<b>Contract Identification and Title and Contact details of Client: (Name, Address, telephone, email, fax)</b>	<b>Year project was undertaken</b>

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ANNEX IV - UNOPS CONDITIONS OF SERVICES**

**1-Contractor's Status** In all matters relating to this Contract, the Contractor shall be acting as an independent contractor. Neither the Contractor nor its employees are the employees of UNOPS. The Contractor assumes all liabilities or obligations imposed by any law or regulation with respect to such employees. The Contractor shall not have the authority to create any obligation on behalf of UNOPS and shall not represent itself as an agent, employee or in any other capacity of UNOPS. The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of its employees, who shall be expected to respect local customs and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.

**2-Damage to Persons and Property** The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless UNOPS, its officers, agents, employees and servants from and against all suits, claims, demands, proceedings, and liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for injuries or damages to any person or any property whatsoever which may arise out of or in consequence of acts or omissions of the Contractor or its agents, employees, servants or subcontractors in the execution of this Contract.

**3-Intellectual Property Rights** All intellectual property and other proprietary rights, including but not limited to patents, copyrights and trademarks, in all countries, with regard to maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, manuscripts, records, reports, recommendations, estimates, documents and other materials, except pre-existing materials, publicly or privately owned, collected or prepared as a consequence of or in the course of the performance of this Contract, shall become the sole property of UNOPS. The Contractor shall hold harmless and fully indemnify UNOPS from and against all claims and proceedings for infringement of any patent rights, design trademark or name or other protected rights resulting from Contractor's performance.

**4-Confidentiality** All maps, drawings, plans, reports, documents and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of UNOPS, shall be treated as confidential and shall be delivered only to the duly authorized representative of UNOPS upon completion of the Services.

**5-Advertising** The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public the fact that it is performing, or has performed services for UNOPS or use the name, emblem or official seal of UNOPS or the United Nations or any abbreviation of the name of UNOPS or the United Nations for advertising purposes or any other purposes.

**6-Modifications** Any modification or change to this Contract shall require an amendment in writing between both parties duly signed by the authorized representatives of the Contractor and UNOPS.

**7-Sub-contracting and Assignment of Contract** The Contractor shall not sub-contract the Services or otherwise assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of this Contract or any part thereof or of any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under this Contract.

**8-Termination** UNOPS may terminate this Contract for cause or convenience in the interest of the UNOPS upon not less than fourteen (14) days written notice to the Contractor. Upon termination of this Contract, the Contractor shall take immediate steps to terminate his performance of the Contract in a prompt and orderly manner and to reduce losses and to keep further expenditures to a minimum. Unless such termination has been occasioned by the Contractor's breach of this Contract, the Contractor shall be entitled to be paid for the part of the Services satisfactorily completed as of the date of termination, plus substantiated costs resulting from commitments entered into prior to the date of termination as well as any reasonable substantiated direct costs incurred by the Contractor as a result of the termination, but shall not be entitled to receive any other or further payment or damages.

**9-Privileges and Immunities** Nothing in or relating to this Contract shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations of which the UNOPS is an integral part.

**10-Settlement of Disputes** Any controversy or claim arising out of or in connection with provision of this Contract or any breach thereof, shall, unless resolved through direct negotiation, be settled in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then in force. UNOPS and the Contractor shall be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy or claim.