



Danida

Research in support of the implementation of the Denmark-South Africa UEM programme 2006- 2010

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR THE GENERATION OF A REPORT THAT PROVIDES AN ANALYSIS OF, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR, SUSTAINABILITY MONITORING BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SA

Background

Denmark is providing support to the Government of South Africa in a programme aimed at enhancing existing capacity in Urban Environmental Management. The overall objective of the programme is: 'Sustainable and poverty-oriented environmental management of urban areas in South Africa'. The thematic focus of the programme support covers, inter alia, integration of environmental planning into broader planning processes, including IDPs and other plans; environmental health considering clarification of functions, and improved inspection and enforcement roles at local level; implementation of the Waste Management act at national and municipal level; implementation of the Air Quality Management act, in particular the new mandates for provincial and local government; support to implementation of sustainable energy interventions at local level; etc.

National and provincial administrations with co-ordination and oversight responsibilities are receiving support from the programme so as to assist in the development of institutional frameworks, guidelines and procedures that will become the standard for all municipalities. The South African government have selected five environmental hotspot municipalities for support from the programme in enhancing capacity for delivery and to serve as pilots in the development of various national norms and standards – Cape town, eThekweni, Ekurhuleni, Johannesburg and Sedibeng. A contingency has been reserved for other municipal areas to join the programme in the future.

The programme priorities poverty reduction and building institutional capacity for enhanced local-level delivery of environmentally sustainable services.

The Denmark-South Africa UEM programme has a research fund of DKK 6 million (currently R7.2 million) over the five-year programme for research that can:

- a) Support the implementation of projects and activities under the programme;
- b) Provide the empirical motivation for future projects and activities that can be funded in future years of the programme;
- c) Monitor impacts of projects and activities under the programme; and
- d) Raise awareness of future urban environmental management challenges that may require strategic or policy responses from the implementation partners in the programme..

In this regard Danida and the SACN are calling for proposals from service providers for the generation of a report that provides

i) An overview of leading practice in monitoring sustainable [urban] development; ii) a critical analysis of State of the Environment Reports (SoERs) by a sample of as least 8 municipalities selected from SACN member cities, and SA-Denmark UEM programme partners; and iii) the compilation of a recommended and defined set of priority indicators that should be used in all future SoERs, annual reports by municipalities and State of the Cities Reporting. The report is for all the UEM programme partners, as discussed above.

Scope of work

We anticipate that this report will take the form of a fixed and specified contract for the production of the review and analysis. It is expected that the report will include at least the following actions and deliverables:

- An initial identification of international leading practice in monitoring sustainable [urban development] and the selection of at least 10 practices for further explanation, analysis and evaluation of applicability in the SA context. (These should include a consideration of the Yale environmental sustainability index, the UN-Habitat urban indicators programme, the Equator principles, the Socially Responsible Index on the JSE, and the National SoER prepared by DEAT).
- A review and analysis of the SoERs of at least 8 municipalities in SA reflecting a range of urban typologies, urban environmental management challenges and climatic zones.
- A review and analysis of other relevant data sets that are collected by municipalities and other research organisations.
- Development of a recommended minimum set of sustainable urban development indicators with clear definitions, and suggested methodologies.

Expertise Required

This project requires research and monitoring experience and a track record of good, accessible writing and editing. An in-depth understanding of sustainable development and urban environmental management must be demonstrated, and previous exposure to the three spheres of government is essential.

Please provide Danida and the SACN with a copies of relevant corporate profiles and CVs of individual team members (including company BEE credentials in terms of ownership and employee profile) as part of your proposal.

Estimated Budget

It is envisaged that the research will cost approximately R200 000-00. Please note that Danida and the SACN will be evaluating your proposal, inter alia, on a comparative basis. To allow us to compare the proposal with other similar bids, please present your quote in the following format.

TASK	RATE AND TIME DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1. Identification and analysis of leading practice in the monitoring of sustainable urban development		
2. Review and analysis of at least 8 municipal SoERs and other relevant data sets.		
3. Recommendations on the ideal set of indicators for future SoERs, annual reports and SoCRs		
4. Presentation of draft report at 3 workshops during and after the project		
TOTAL		

Note:

Prices should include VAT. It is envisaged that the research will take the form of a desktop review and require minimal travel.

Research selection and management process

In order to identify and procure the research outputs that are required the following procedural principles should be applied:

- a) The Danish Embassy will administer the research fund;
- b) The Danish Embassy will contract directly with researchers;
- c) The Danish Embassy will collaborate with programme partners on the terms of reference for all research outputs

Commencement of Work

It is envisage that work under this contract will commence during January 2007, upon signature of a service delivery contract and will run for approximately four months, i.e. to end in May 2007.