



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, PRO-POOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING¹ PRACTICES AND METHODOLOGIES

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.

¹ While Environmental Planning is not a distinctly defined municipal function, this project seeks to develop a clear understanding of how environmental concerns can be included in development planning processes.

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 and methodology in pro-poor environmental planning ii) an analysis of the interface [and contradictions] between land-use regulation and urban environmental management in South African cities; and iii) the development of a set of recommendations for municipalities, provinces and national government on how to optimise pro-poor environmental planning practices and how to take advantage of the opportunities presented by land-use planning and regulation to implement and enforce these plans. 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 identification and narrative analysis of international leading practices and methodologies in pro-poor environmental planning and their application in the SA context.
- A review and analysis of the existing land-use and environmental planning regulatory environment [recognising that there is already fairly extensive research and analysis on this subject] with a view to developing a more detailed understanding of the interface and contradictions between these regulatory systems (across the spheres of government) and the impact on the poor.
- Development of a set of recommendations that must be workshopped with the UEM programme partners to achieve some level of consensus prior to completion of the report.

Expertise Required

This project requires research experience, a demonstrated understanding of the land use and environmental planning regulatory environment and a track record of good, accessible writing and editing, 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 pro-poor environmental planning		
2. Review and analysis of the interface between land use and environmental planning regulatory systems in SA		
3. Recommendations on how to optimise the implementation of pro-poor environmental plans		
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 three months, i.e. to end in April 2007.