Sustainable Communities

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Biomass mapping

A. About The Institute for Sustainable Communities

The Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC) is an international non-governmental agency working to unleash the power of people to transform their communities in the face of climate change. ISC's mission is to help communities, cities, and industries around the world address environmental, economic, and social challenges to build a better future shaped and shared by all.

B. Background

Led by ISC, The Mekong Sustainability Manufacturing Alliance (The Alliance) program is a newly awarded 3-year USAID-funded initiative. The Alliance aims to strengthen the lower Mekong region as a competitive and environmentally sustainable manufacturing hub, driving private-sector adoption of improved environmental and social safeguards by factories in the food processing, electronics and textiles sectors. The program will focus primarily on Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam, with country-specific and region-wide activities.

C. Scope of Work

We expect to commence the work in October 2022.

ISC is seeking the Consultant/Company to provide biomass mapping service in preparation for the coal boiler phase-out of the factories located in Binh Phuoc, Long An, and Dong Nai, Vietnam.

As part of the assessment, the Consultant/Company will specifically:

Conduct the biomass mapping

- Survey the biomass sources for the factory demand (source, price, biomass/boiler feature, etc.) and biomass suppliers by province or region.
- Risks assessment & recommendations
- Biomass mapping report for each province or region

D. Qualifications

The Consultant/Company must have:

- Demonstrated knowledge of and a track record in a biomass mapping study
- Experiences in providing similar services in Vietnam
- Local presence in Vietnam with the ability to work and travel to the project site
- Fluency in spoken and written English and Vietnamese is required.

E. Submission Requirements

Interested Consultant/Company must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, along with cost information, by submitting a proposal (English) via email to msma@sustain.org, with

RFP – Biomass mapping in the subject line by <u>September 29</u>, <u>2022</u>, <u>midnight ICT</u>. Proposals should include the following information (max total of 5 pages).

- Name and contact details
- A narrative outlining the vision for the work along with the suggested methodology, work plan, and/or other technical inputs for the assignment. Also, include the geography and sector focus.
- Description of qualifications
- Three references who can speak to consultant's successful completion of similar work, with contact details (email and telephone)
- Cost information. The consultant should submit a detailed cost proposal in USD.