**Call for Project Proposals**

**ANNOUNCEMENT of 1st CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**For**

**Green Public Procurement Plus Project**

(Former Project: Asia-Pacific Green Public Procurement Partnership Project)

**By Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI) and**

**UN Environment Programme (UNEP)**

**Opening:** 26th March 2019, GMT + 9

**Closing**: 14th April 2019, GMT + 9

Following the successful 2017-2018 Asia Pacific GPP Partnership project in Thailand and Viet Nam, Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute (KEITI) is announcing a new Call for Proposals for Green Public Procurement Plus Projectthis year in cooperation with UN Environment Programme (UNEP). The purpose of the project is to lay a strong foundation for market development for eco-friendly products and services, and to facilitate achievement of SDG Target 12.7 (Implementation of Sustainable Public Procurement) in a partner country.

**Theme:**Capacity building of the national government and public organizations in terms of institutionalization and implementation of green public procurement via policy consultation and technical assistance tailored to the needs of a partner country

Policy consultation and technical assistance can be provided within the following three categories. Please note that the specific consultation items in each category may include but not be limited to the followings:

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| 1. Strengthen legal and policy framework  |
| * Harmonize GPP related policies/regulations/laws and strengthen the status of GPP provisions
* Include GPP provisions in existing procurement regulations and bidding process (e.g. standardize RFPs, develop requirements/specifications, evaluation methods of bids /proposals, etc.)
* Develop a GPP guideline for procurers and manufacturers of eco-friendly products
* Develop measures to promote GPP implementation (e.g. reputational incentives, fiscal incentives, etc.)
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| 2. Expand the scope of new GPP target product groups |
| * Assist to develop criteria for new GPP product groups or update of existing GPP product groups
* Identify and promote good GPP business practices
* Establish supporting policies or engagement programs for suppliers
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| 3. Promote GPP implementation |
| * Design or enhance GPP monitoring and reporting system
* Develop analysis tools to assess GPP impacts / outcomes
* Support GPP pilot implementation in the central government, public organizations, local governments and subsidiaries (e.g. selection of target organizations, market readiness study, selection of target products, development of standard RFPs, formulation of bidding proposals, etc.)
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Throughout the project, experience and expertise gained from the implementation of GPPEL between a partner country and Korea will be shared through various channels.

**The project will proceed according to following procedure**:

* Preliminary study of GPPEL status of a potential partner country and analysis of project proposal feasibility
* Select a partner country and make an official agreement to launch the project
* Hold a Kick-Off Workshop and a project launching ceremony
* Build a steering committee composed of relevant members of the partner country, KEITI and UNEP
* Provide policy consultation and technical assistance for the institutionalization and implementation of GPP based on an action plan
* Hold a Final Workshop to share the lessons learned and to facilitate their application at home and abroad
* Run an outreach program and to disseminate its outcomes

Under the guidance of the steering committee, composed of members of KEITI, UNEP, and relevant departments of the partner country, the project will be implemented by an international consortium of consultants from Korea and the partner country. Project funds will be used to carry out activities, but will not be provided to the partner country in a direct manner.

**Eligibility:** The call is open to national governments or public organizations in the Asia-Pacific region where Type 1 Eco-labelling is currently in practice.

**Duration**: The duration of the project will vary from 12 to 24 months according to the project concept.

Submit the application form online via Aran Chae of KEITI at aranchae@keiti.re.kr.

The information that you provide will help us better understand the current GPPEL status in your country and the resultant needs for the project. Should you have any inquiries, please contact Aran Chae of KEITI at aranchae@keiti.re.kr or +82-2-2284-1924.