

# MRVS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 4

**Date:** May 19, 2010

**Time:** 15:30hrs

**Venue:** Lower Conference Room, GFC

**Agenda:**

- Updates on the outcomes of the evaluation of proposals & addenda (from short listed proponents) for Bid 1;
- Updates on the outcomes of evaluation of proposals for Bid 2;
- Finalization of selection of Consultants for Bids 1 & 2.

**Attendees:**

Name	Organisation
Naseem Nasir	Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission (GL&SC)
Donald Singh	Guyana Geology & Mines Commission (GGMC)
Geeta Singh	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Pradeepa Bholanath	Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC)
Jagdish Singh	Guyana Forestry Commission (GFC)
Nasheta Dewnath	REDD Secretariat (RS)

**Absent:**

1. Guyana Gold and Diamond Miners Association
2. Forest Products Association
3. National Toushaos Council

**Apologies**

1. University of Guyana

**Key Points Arising from Discussions**

1. The MRVS Steering Committee approved for Poyry Forest Industry to be engaged as the Consultant to conduct works under Bid 1.
2. It was further approved for the GFC to first engage the proponent in discussion of areas where additional strengthening would be required, the proposal.
3. It was approved that Bid 2 would not undergo a second round of evaluations as in the case of Bid 1, due to the fact that these proposals were more explicit in their approaches.
4. The MRVS Steering Committee approved the selection of Winrock to conduct works under Bid 2.
5. As in the case with Bid 1, it was approved for the GFC to first engage with the company to discuss revision of a few aspects of the work plan to better suit the local context.
6. In the case of both Bids 1 and 2, it was agreed that should GFC's engagement not be met positively by each firm, a further decision would have to be made on engagement with the second highest scoring proponent.

## **Updates on the outcomes of the evaluation of proposals & addenda (from short listed proponents) for Bid 1**

In discussing the activities of Bid 1, the following was pointed out:

- After the initial evaluation was conducted, the top 10 highest ranking proponents were short listed based on statistical methodology.
- A list of clarifications, which sought details on 17 issues, was subsequently forwarded to these short listed proponents. A deadline of April 30, 2010 was given for submission of the addenda, to which responses were received from all proponents.
- Proposals and addenda that followed were evaluated by the GL&SC, GGMC, Dr. McRoberts (USFS) and the GFC.

From the outcomes of the evaluations, the proposals & addenda were ranked as follows:

- a) Poyry, New Zealand
- b) FAO, Italy
- c) CI, USA & Guyana
- d) GFA, Germany
- e) Terra Global Capital, USA
- f) GMV, Spain
- g) Hatfield, Canada
- h) ONF-I, France
- i) Infoterra, France
- j) Climate Change Solutions, Canada

Based on the endorsement of the Bid Evaluation Team, it was proposed to the members of the MRVS Steering Committee that Poyry be engaged as the consultant to conduct works under Bid 1. It was further stated that it was the opinion of the Bid Evaluation Team that discussion first be conducted with Poyry to identify areas where strengthening/ revision would be required in their approach. Should this negotiation not be met positively, a decision would then have to be made to engage the second highest scoring proponent. The Committee agreed that should discussions be met with agreement from both parties, the GFC should contract Poyry to conduct the works under Bid 1.

## **Updates on the outcomes of evaluation of proposals for Bid 2**

It was summarized to the MRVS Steering Committee that Bid 2 was advertised in December 2009, with a closing date of March 26, 2010, for which 24 proposals were submitted to the GFC.

It was noted that evaluation results were submitted from five members of the Evaluation Team, these being:

- GL&SC
- GGMC
- CI
- GFC
- Dr. Ronald McRoberts - USFS
- EPA

In conducting the evaluation of the proposals, proposals were ranked based on technical scores and total scores. The five highest ranking proposals, based on technical scores are as follows:

- a) Winrock International, USA
- b) FAO/INPE, Italy & Brazil
- c) Forest Resources Management/Infoterra, France
- d) INF-I/ONF, French Guiana & France
- e) Terra Global Capital, USA

A recommendation was made by the Bid Evaluation Team that the highest scoring candidate, Winrock International, should be tabled for endorsement by the Steering Committee. The MRVS Steering Committee endorsed this decision. It was however, recommended that there first be discussions with Winrock, as in the case of Bid 1, to identify areas where strengthening may be required prior to the awarding of a contract. Should this discussion not be met favourably, it was recommended that the second highest scoring firm be engaged. The Committee agreed that should discussions be met with agreement from both parties, the GFC should contract Winrock International to conduct the works under Bid 2.

### **Finalization of selection of Consultants for Bids 1 & 2**

**Bid 1-** The decision to engage Poyry was approved by the members of the MRVS Steering Committee, along with the intention to engage the consultation to strengthen their approach.

**Bid 2-** It was approved for Winrock to be engaged as the Consultant to conduct works for Bid 2. As with Bid 1, it was further approved for the approach of discussing with the consultant, any areas that may need to be modified for possible revision/ modification.

### **Any Other Business**

Mr. Nasir raised the issue that capacity building is not static and as such sees the University of Guyana being a key institution for capacity building for the MRVS.

It was requested that there be stipends/ incentives in place for the members of the MRVS Steering Committee & the Technical Sub-Committee.

Mr. Nasir indicated the GL&SC was finding it difficult to complete the digitizing of information within the specified timeframe due to the following reasons:

- The volume of data that needs to be digitized
- The fact that there is old data without coordinates

Mr. Singh (Donald) indicated the following:

- GGMC has systematically collected GPS positions of active mining operations (dredges)
- Of the 12,000 small claims, they have verified 1,700 of these as a result of a special project. However, in addition to this, regular verification has been ongoing. There are approximately an additional 2000 claims that were already verified outside of the special project. Some of the older ones lack GPS data.
- GGMC is continuing to work on the remaining of the 12,000 small claims.
- The GGMC is conducting training sessions on the use of GPS for the miners
- The GGMC is currently mapping cleared out areas against mining claims

It was noted that all information would need to be available by the time the Consultants for Bid 1 arrive to commence work.

There being no other issues to be discussed, the meeting was closed at 16:30 hrs.