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ORGANIZATION:	United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
PROJECT:	Pathway to Sustainable, Resilient, and Inclusive development in Jajpur, Vyasaganagar and Panasa Gram Panchayat
FUNCTIONAL TITLE:	Consultant - Landscape Architect
DUTY STATION:	Remote/ New Delhi
DURATION:	2 months
TYPE OF CONTRACT:	Local Individual Contractors Agreement (LICA) Contract through UNOPS LICA – 8

Background:

UN-Habitat is assisting the District Collectorate of Jajpur, Government of Odisha to prepare sustainable development strategies which are essentially spatial strategic plans rooted in an exhaustive city diagnostics process. The approach is to undertake spatially-informed planning by, (i) undertaking an urban sustainability assessment, (ii) developing sustainable city strategy informed by climate-resilient and nature-based solutions, and (iii) identifying bankable sustainable projects for financing and implementation.

The components of the project include:

- **In-depth assessment of project** – Undertake an assessment of city's performance with application of Urban Sustainability Assessment Framework (USAF) across 12 sectors, and to draw findings of gaps and opportunities for each sector based on quantitative, spatial, and descriptive metrics.
- **Develop Sustainable City Strategies** – Formulate 'sustainable city strategies' which are area-based (spatial/territorial) strategic plans and interventions developed based on the city profiles and diagnostics of issues and potential opportunities focusing on the objective to improve sustainability and resilience of city in the medium term (5-year development timeframe).
- **Short and Medium Term Bankable Sustainable Project Proposals** – Sustainable City-District Strategy will propose a list of actions and interventions that must be undertaken within a 2 to 5-year period. These interventions should take the form of bankable sustainable projects for implementation leading to on-ground impact in communities;
- **Capacity Building and Knowledge Transfer** – The project also aims to capacitate local government entities, ULB, and relevant stakeholders in the practices, processes of

sustainable, resilient, and inclusive development. The capacity building component will be designed to meet the needs of city administrators, policy makers, urban practitioners and decision makers who are concerned with resilience and sustainability of cities and regions. The training sessions will provide the participants with the opportunity to develop an in-depth knowledge about a series of implementation strategies and approaches but also get acquainted with the practical tools, methods, and indicators to monitor and localize the SDGs and report on their progress and achievements.

- **Participate at Global Platforms to showcase Knowledge Products and Interventions, Facilitate Sister City Learnings/Exchanges:** UN-Habitat would employ its existing networks and partnerships at global conferences, workshops, and conventions in the field of sustainable urbanization to share the accomplishments of this project. Such participation would put the spotlight on the district of Jajpur and assist in securing both national and international attention, and possible investments for green growth and low-carbon innovations in the district.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Under the overall supervision of the Country Programme Manager, UN-Habitat India, the Consultant - Urban Designer will work under overall guidance of the Senior Urban Planner, UN-Habitat India and will be responsible to undertake the following activities:

- Prepare conceptual design and schematic designs for a Forest Park/Arboretum in Vyasagar, Odisha (please see Figure 1 for details); including existing site assessment (constraints & potential).

1. Forest Park/Arboretum near Vyasa Sarovar in Vyasagar, Odisha

- An overall vision for the project, design philosophy and strategic approach
- Overall concept design site plan showcasing nature-based solutions, inclusive and university accessibility elements, and use of native/sustainable hardscape and softscape elements.
- The plan should include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following considerations/components:
 - Site analysis with attention to safety, encouraging the study of trees, shrubs and other plant typologies by various user groups.
 - Conceptual design of the arboretum with zones identified for different uses such as a visitor/information centre, children's garden, amphitheatre/gathering space, trails; etc.
 - The concept design should address the following adventure experiences:
 - A tree canopy experience that immerses the visitor in a multisensory engagement with trees
 - Opportunities for physical, emotional, social, and intellectual engagement
 - Use of interpretive and tactical elements

- Invite repeat visitation.
- Costs, with respect to points a-g, above. All costs may be presented as rough estimates.
- Material palette, street furniture, placemaking elements, and broad specifications with sample images, etc.
- Schematic plan (3) and sections (3) of key focus areas with accessibility features, street furniture and placemaking elements, hardscape and softscape, (3)
- 3D Sketches/ schematic drawings of focus areas/trails/gardens to illustrate the concept (3)
- List of plants/trees and other softscape materials and technical specifications of hardscape materials recommended.
- Written report describing the concept and details of the design.



Figure 1 Vyasa Sarovar Park, Vyasanagar

Qualifications:

Education: An advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in Urban Planning and Policy, Urban Design, Urban Geography, Landscape Architecture, Regional Planning, Architecture, or any other related field. A first-level degree (Bachelor's degree or equivalent) in the specified fields of studies with two additional years of relevant work experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree.

Work Experience: At least two (02) years of progressively responsible experience in community engagement, spatial planning, and urban design. Demonstrated capacity to supervise graphic representation of ideas and concepts and familiarity with graphic design packages are required. Experience in working with government institutions at national and local level in India is an advantage. Experience in working with teams and with partners is required. Experience within the United Nations common system will be an advantage. Proficiency in design and illustration software is necessary.

Competencies: Strong analytical, conceptualization, reporting skills required. Should have advanced writing, research, and analytical skills. Expertise in development of strategic documents, policy documents, local action plans as well as preparing and planning of various trainings/workshops for different stakeholders. Able to work both independently and as part of a team in a multicultural environment and establish harmonious and effective working relationships both within and outside the organization. Ability to use latest software such as ArcGIS, Excel, Adobe Creative Suite; illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, AutoCAD, SketchUp and similar others for design and analysis will be an added advantage.

Professionalism: Sound analytical and problem-solving skills, plus ability to handle a range of equipment used in communication. Knowledge and interest in urban planning and sustainable development debate and approaches, and keeping abreast of professional field of expertise.

Teamwork: Ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and working relations in a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environment with sensitivity and respect for diversity. Capacity of undertaking initiative to ensure smooth relations and open communication within the team and with partners.

Planning & Organizing: Ability to work with minimal supervision, under the pressure of frequent and tight deadlines often in difficult and demanding conditions.

Communication: Excellent communication (spoken and written) skills in English and demonstrated ability to explain concepts and approaches in the field of expertise, as well as UN policies and procedures.

Client orientation: Professional and courteous attitude and demonstrated ability to work effectively in a stressful environment. Receptive towards client needs. Understands that those provided services are clients and seek to see things from a client perspective. Maintains tact and diplomacy at all times.

Language: Fluency in English is required for this position. Knowledge of another local language or UN official language would be an advantage.

Reporting Arrangements: The Consultant shall report to the Country Programme Manager, and coordinate with Senior Urban Planner, UN-Habitat India.

How to Apply:

Interested and qualified candidates are requested to please indicate their immediate availability to undertake the assignment as per terms of reference above. The application must be accompanied with a completed UN Personal History Form (P11). Please download the form (MS-Word) from UN-Habitat ROAP website https://fukuoka.unhabitat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Personal_History_P11-1.doc

The application should comprise of the:

- Recent Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Detailed P11 form is a must as mentioned above
- Sample Portfolio of your work

Please indicate the Post Title: **“Consultant Landscape Architect”** in your email subject and send it to:

unhabitat.india@un.org

Please note that applications received after the closing date stated below, will not be given consideration. Only short-listed candidates whose applications respond to the above criteria will be contacted for an interview. Overall remuneration will be determined according to the qualifications, skills and relevant experience of the selected candidate. In line with UN-Habitat policy on gender equity, applications from female candidates will be particularly welcome.

Deadline for application: *Open till Monday, 5th June 2023*

Due to a large number of applications expected, only short-listed candidates will be contacted. The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principal and subsidiary organs. (Charter of the United Nations - Chapter 3, article 8).