



**Invitation to Tender for NRI Research Consultancy:
“A Scoping Study on Promoting Effective Public Resource Management
in Papua New Guinea”**

Government expenditure in Papua New Guinea has increased rapidly over the last decade, driven by rising revenue largely as a result of the LNG project and the resources boom. The Government has struggled to translate this increased revenue into basic services for ordinary Papua New Guineans. A variety of fiscal challenges have to be addressed as a matter of urgency including an alignment of revenue and spending, a diversification of revenue sources, and spending public resources wisely in the government’s priority areas of education, health, infrastructure, and law and order.

The National Research Institute (NRI), within its mission to provide accurate, relevant and timely information to decision makers and the public, is inviting interested academics and professional research practitioners to tender for the above research consultancy and prepare a report titled “A Scoping Study on Promoting Effective Public Resource Management in Papua New Guinea”. The main objective of this scoping study is to assist NRI in the development of a policy-oriented research program on promoting effective public resource management in PNG over the next five years.

The expected duration of the consultancy is from March – June 2015. NRI will pay research fees of up to AUD 15,000 in Papua New Guinea currency, Kina (converted using exchange rates ruling at the time of signing the research agreement, and which are not subject to adjustments in relation to fluctuating exchange rates). In addition, research related expenses will be covered.

Further information including Terms of Reference for the study can be obtained from Dr. Carmen Voigt-Graf, Senior Research Fellow, by email: cvoigtgraf@nri.org.pg, phone: (675) 3260300 or (675) 70311044/70311045.

Application closing date: 20 March 2015, UTC +10.00

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Invitation to Tender for NRI Research Consultancy: “A Scoping Study to Provide an Assessment of SME Policy Priority Areas for Papua New Guinea”

Study Overview

Papua New Guinea (PNG) is a lower-middle income country in the South Pacific, whose trajectory and scope of economic transformation in the past ten years have been the most impressive in the region. Despite strong economic growth, supported by large externalities in the country’s natural resources sector (land, forests, fisheries, and minerals), private activity in the informal, small and medium enterprise sector has been low. Yet small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are recognised as central to the advancement of the well-being of Papua New Guineans. The Government of PNG is therefore re-developing its strategy for supporting the development of the SME sector.

At times we require temporary external support relating to production of reports associated with our various research activities. The National Research Institute (NRI), within its mission to provide accurate, relevant and timely information to decision makers and the public, is inviting interested academics and professional research practitioners to tender for the above research consultancy and prepare a report “A Scoping Study to Provide an Assessment of SME Policy Priority Areas for Papua New Guinea”. The main objective of this scoping study is to assist NRI in the development of a program of research to contribute to SME policy in PNG over the next five years.

Details of Assignment

The expected duration of the consultancy is March – June 2015. NRI will pay research fees of up to AUD 15,000 in Papua New Guinea currency, Kina (converted using exchange rates ruling at the time of signing the research agreement), and are not subject to adjustments in relation to fluctuating exchange rates or variations in project costs.

Application closing date: Friday 20 March, 2015, UTC +10.00

If you are interested in this consultancy, please request the full Terms of Reference from Dr Francis Odhuno, Senior Research Fellow on telephone (675)3260300 or (675) 70311044/70311045 or email: fodhuno@nri.org.pg.

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