

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

HIRE OF RESEARCH CONSULTANTS FOR PACIFIC ISLANDS CENTRE FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (PICPA)

USP EO1 302/16

The University of the South Pacific (USP) is the premier provider of tertiary education in the Pacific region and an International Centre of excellence for teaching, research and consulting in all aspects of Pacific life. USP comprises a vibrant community of staff and students from its twelve member countries and internationally. The twelve member nations are: Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Collectively, the University's 14 campuses are located across 33 million square kilometres of ocean, covering five different time zones.

The University of the South Pacific (USP) and the Australian government, in consultation with Pacific Island partners, has established the Pacific Islands Centre for Public Administration (PICPA) at the USP campus in Suva, Fiji. The Centre started work in August 2011.

It is a demand driven, long term, capacity development project to promote effective, efficient and equitable public service delivery in the Pacific Islands; its focus is on the development of capacity of junior to mid-levels of the core public service, rather than public enterprises or the private sector. Its scope includes 14 island countries with very different needs.

The Centre aims to ensure that:

- Public sector skills better match identified national priorities;
- Governments have reliable information on the size, characteristics, cost and productivity of their public sector workforces and have the capacity to utilise that information to best deploy their workforce in support of national development goals; and
- Pacific Island Countries improve the effectiveness, efficiencies and equity of their public services, particularly at junior levels, through workforce planning, better management and staff development.

Further information regarding the Centre is available on the web at url: <http://www.picpa.usp.ac.fj>.

PICPA invites written Expressions of Interest from potential firms, individuals or corporate entities to conduct region wide research in any of the following areas (any one, two or all areas):

1. Use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to Improve Quality and Expand Service Delivery of PICs;
2. Status of Development of Workplace Social Friendly Policies in PICs; and
3. Status of Implementation of Performance Management Systems in the Public Sector in PICs.

The details of these three research studies to be undertaken are provided in the write ups contained in the PICPA website. In terms of conducting research, PICPA would like all PICs or as broad as possible representative sample of PICs to be covered. There is funding available to ensure that the interests of all PICs are accommodated.

The EO1 will close on Friday 26 February 2016 at 10:00am and the bids will be publicly opened on the same day at 10:15am (Fiji Time) in Finance Conference Room, at USP Laucala Campus in Fiji. All interested bidders are required to register on USP's electronic tender portal: www.tenderlink.com/usp/ in order to respond to this EO1. **HARDCOPY EO1 SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Further information regarding this EO1 may be obtained from the Procurement office on telephone: (679) 3232782 or email: purchasing@usp.ac.fj.